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Swiss banks advertise to trace owners of Nazi gold deposits

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THE Swiss Bankers' Association will abandon their traditional secrecy and publish a three-page advertisement in *The Times* tomorrow, listing the names of all dormant accounts dating back to the Second World War. The list includes the names of several Britons. The surviving account-holders, or their heirs, will be invited to settle all claims they may have with the banks.

The initiative is an attempt to end the controversy over the role played by Swiss banks in the wartime laundering of gold stolen by the Nazi regime in Germany, mostly from Jews. The issue has been a source of considerable embarrassment to the banks, as well as of diplomatic damage to Switzerland.

Jeffrey Taufield, a senior partner of Kekst & Company, a New York public relations firm which has been acting for the Swiss Bankers' Association, said: "This is a real example of Switzerland's commitment to be responsible and honourable in undertaking what must be done. We are literally reaching out to all corners of the world in an attempt to identify Holocaust survivors and their heirs.

"We have selected newspapers in countries around the world where there are populations of Jews who may be account-holders or their heirs." The British names include Kenneth Wadd from Cornwall, Paula Singer from Gloucestershire, Emil Muller from Liverpool, and Paul Mayer, Amy Carey and Boris Foster, all from London.

Advertisements have also been placed in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Le Monde*, *The Star* (Johannesburg), *The Jerusalem Post* and *Pravda*, as well as in a variety of Eastern European and South American newspapers.

Mr Taufield said: "We hope that this will be yet another chapter in bringing the matter to a close, with dignity and honour." The claims, he hoped, would be settled within a year of the advertisement's appearance. All unclaimed amounts would be donated by the Swiss Bankers' Association to charitable and humanitarian causes, to be chosen by the Association in consultation with Jewish groups.

Yesterday, the World Jewish Congress, which has been at the forefront of the campaign against the Swiss banks, expressed "mixed feelings" about the list. Elan Steinberg, the WJC's executive director, said: "We're happy this is finally happening, but we're asking why it has taken so long."

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Raise tax to cool economy, IMF advises

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A WARNING to Gordon Brown that he may have to increase taxes on consumers, possibly through widening the VAT net, will be delivered today in the first international assessment of the Labour Government's running of the economy.

A team from the International Monetary Fund, which has spent the past ten days in London holding talks with the Chancellor, Treasury and Bank of England officials and the City, will also cast doubts over Labour's plan for a national minimum wage, saying that it would be a "blunt instrument".

It will warn the Government of looming imbalances in the economy, including surging domestic demand likely to be made worse by building society windfalls and the weakness of exports caused by the soaring pound.

Recommending lower borrowing and increased savings to boost investment, the IMF will suggest a broadening of taxes on consumption, including extending VAT to new areas.

The report will praise Mr Brown's stewardship of the economy, and conclude that the Budget measures to combat demand were tougher than has been appreciated by commentators and that the succession of interest rate rises was overdue. It will also predict a period of increased uncertainty in the economy that will "keep policy-makers on their toes".

One of the central recommendations of the report will be that Mr Brown should adopt an even more demanding target for the public finances than he has set himself. The aim would be to produce more savings by the nation to release far more resources for investment.

It will say that savings could be fostered by broadening taxes on consumption, and will add: "While we are aware that successive governmentss have forsworn significant broadening of the VAT base, this is an issue that warrants serious economic debate, all the more so given the hard choices that lie ahead in reconciling spending priorities."

The annual reports by the IMF visiting teams were confidential until Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, decided to make last year's public. Mr Brown has decided to follow his example and will be questioned on the findings when he appears before this morning's meeting of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee.

Key factors in Mr Brown's decision to allow it to be published are clearly its strong endorsement of his decisions and its findings on the minimum wage, which Labour is pledged to introduce during the present Parliament. Mr Brown wants the minimum wage to be set at a figure below that certain to be demanded by many of his ministerial colleagues and the unions, and is given ammunition by the report.

It will say that the wage is a "blunt instrument for achieving a fairer income distribution and a two-edged sword for rewarding work if set too high."

It adds: "At a minimum, as the experience of other countries shows, lower rates should be specified for youths to alleviate adverse employment effects."

The IMF team will say that the new Government has made "an excellent start" in setting a "high standard" for its economic policies. It will praise its actions in making the Bank of England independent, using the Budget to make rapid strides towards sound public finances and initiating the welfare to work scheme.

It will back the Government's willingness to consider "radical approaches" in areas such as social security to raise spending in priority areas such as health and education.

The IMF will conclude that the economic environment is becoming challenging for the Government. "Behind the impressive macroeconomic performance — strong growth, declining unemployment and low inflation — there now loom imbalances rooted in powerful divergent forces; surging domestic demand, which may accelerate further as windfals boost consumption, and the incipient weakness of the tradeable goods sector resulting from the strength of sterling."

Shares continue sharp retreat

The FTSE 100 Index fell 71.5 points to close at 4805.7, as the London stock market fell back from the 5,000 mark which was almost breached during trading just last week. Financial shares were responsible for some of yesterday's losses Page 25, Stock market, page 31

PETER NICHOLLS

Professor Cottingham with his daughter Joanna, wife Myra and son Matthew after being cleared at Reading Crown Court yesterday

Professor cleared of indecent assault

BY KATHERINE KNIGHT

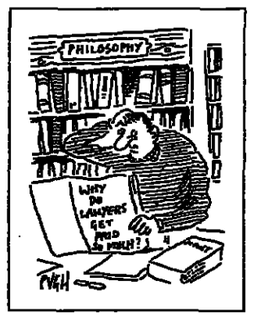
A PROFESSOR of Philosophy was cleared by a jury yesterday of indecently assaulting two female students in his study at Reading University.

Professor John Cottingham, 54, the head of the university's philosophy department and an authority on the French philosopher Descartes, said: "This has brought home to my colleagues how vulnerable we can be to unscrupulous people".

His American wife, Myra, who also teaches at the university, and his children Joanna, 17, and Matthew 20, broke down in tears and hugged each other after Judge John Crocker told the professor he was free to go.

The parents of Miss Y, one of the two students who said Professor Cottingham had kissed and fondled them after a garden party last year, fled the court as soon as the verdict was announced to telephone their daughter, who is staying at a secret address with Miss X and did not attend court yesterday. They later left court without commenting.

The students claimed that the professor had invited them to his university room after a garden party last year and then turned the conversation to the Marquis de Sade and talked about whips, chains and pain before trying to kiss them both, unzipping their dresses and removing some of their clothing.



The jury of eight men and four women at Reading Crown Court took four hours to return their verdicts of not guilty on two counts of indecent assault.

Afterwards, as he embraced his wife and children, Professor Cottingham said he hoped to return to teaching as soon as possible. He had taken a sabbatical and was concentrating on research in the months leading up to the court case. He said he'd been touched by the number of students who had contacted him to express their support.

"This has obviously been a hideous year for myself and my family. I am very glad it had an outcome in which I have been completely vindicated," he said.

"I'd like to thank my dear wife and children for their wonderful support and also all my colleagues and the hundreds of students, past and present, who have expressed their unfailing support."

His wife, who attended every day of the five-day trial with the children and their local vicar, said: "It's been a terrible year and I am so glad it is over. I want to get my life back."

Professor Cottingham had told the court that the girls had asked to come to his room. After serving them drinks, he said, he had been astonished to turn round and see the elder girl undressing herself and apparently performing a kind of striptease. She then told him: "We're into all kinds of sex". Professor Cottingham told the jury the girls had then kissed and he had asked them to leave, saying their behaviour was not appropriate.

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Blair seeks formula on IRA arms

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR was striving last night to find a formula to meet Unionist concerns over the disarming of IRA weapons after David Trimble assured him that he had no desire to walk out of the multiparty talks on Northern Ireland.

An 80-minute meeting between the Prime Minister and the Ulster Unionist leader failed to reach a breakthrough in the dispute over decommissioning that is the greatest threat to the peace process following the IRA ceasefire announced at the weekend.

But the Prime Minister promised to look at ways of addressing Mr Trimble's demand that the British and Irish Governments beef up their joint paper on decommissioning. He wants them to make it plain that they both expect the IRA to begin disarming their weapons once they have been allowed into all-party talks in September.

He argues that the document is so vague in its reference to "progress on decommissioning" that the IRA

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Cut in Oxbridge funding means higher student bills

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MINISTERS were accused last night of pursuing an "old Labour" ideological vendetta by unexpectedly reneging on an agreement to increase funding next term for Oxford and Cambridge colleges.

The decision, which has soured relations between the Government and Britain's top universities, will force next year's students to foot a bill of almost £1 million. Dons fear the move will undermine the two universities' unique individual tutorial system, and is the prelude to an assault on their funding arrangements.

Oxford and Cambridge are the most wealthy universities in Britain. Previous Labour policies have targetted the college fees, but this year's manifesto carried no hint of the decision to reject a funding formula established by the Conservative Government almost a decade ago.

The fees, unique to the two universities, provide a total of £35 million to maintain the college-based teaching system. A rise of between 3.5 and 3.8 per cent was rubber-stamped by the Conservative Government before the general election. But the incoming Labour administration told the universities last month that ministers considered the figure excessive and imposed a 1 per cent rise — in line with other universities.

One college president said: "It is very disappointing when new Labour professes to value quality education for all to see old habits re-emerging. The money involved is insignificant in government terms but vital for the colleges. It was also scandalously late for such a change in plans."

College bursars said the late change had caused chaos in budgeting. The funding gap could only be made up by raising student rents and kitchen charges, and seeking extra conference business.

The dispute comes in advance of a review of college fees. Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher education, to be published tomorrow, is expected to question the justification for the extra fees and to recommend that they be phased out unless the universities can convince ministers that their withdrawal would damage the quality of education.

Michael Allen, bursar of Churchill College, Cambridge, said: "We feel poised on the edge of a precipice. We will have no alternative but to raise the charges for students next year and, although the university is determined to stand by the collegiate system, it seems that in the long term the Government wants to remove the fees altogether."

A spokeswoman for the Department for Education and Employment said ministers reviewed the fee increase shortly after taking office. "They thought it was unfair for the colleges alone to be given 3.8 per cent more when the rest of the higher education system had to manage with a 1 per cent increase."

This year's fees, which vary between colleges, are about £2,600 for undergraduates and £1,600 for postgraduates. The system enables Oxford and Cambridge to base tuition in colleges, rather than the centralised system operated in most British universities.

French announce a windfall tax

The French Government yesterday engineered a tax windfall with an emergency levy on the profits of big business to keep the country on course for European monetary union. Lionel Jospin announced a 15 per cent surcharge on the corporate tax rate affecting the wealthiest firms Page 14

£31m work boost for lone parents

A thousand personal advisers are to be recruited throughout the country at a cost of £31 million to help to find work for Britain's million lone parents, Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, said. The first 76 advisers are starting work this week Page 4

Row over Lottery shake-up plans

The Government has been accused of abandoning its manifesto pledge to appoint a non-profit body to operate the National Lottery. Labour also came under fire yesterday for its decision to use £1 billion from the mid week Lottery sales for health and education projects Page 10

Man with conviction bounces back to fall foul of fare play

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Shouts of "Taxi! Taxi!" from the government back benches yesterday may have surprised foreign tourists blinking in the Strangers' Gallery. Visitors are told about the ancient privileges a Member enjoys — but to call a cab from the Commons Chamber itself? Where would the taxi draw up? Behind the Speaker's Chair?

To understand requires inside knowledge. Patrick Nicholls, a Tory MP, was once convicted of drink-driving. At a party conference he had driven himself home from a restaurant after dismissing his taxi because he thought the driver wanted too high a fare. The press had a field day and Nicholls was forced to resign as a minister. Journalists and fellow-MPs might have been kinder had he not been famous for his rottweiler attacks, sometimes quite personal, on other politicians. He had to lay low for a while.

But there is life after these setbacks and Mr Nicholls has just been appointed an Opposition Front Bench spokesman on Culture, Media and Sport. Yesterday he made a start on the Tory front bench, rising to question a new junior minister, Tom Clarke, whom some say had hoped for a more prominent role in Tony Blair's Government. Had Mr Nicholls been chastened by experience, we wondered? Had he mellowed? He sneered a welcome to Clarke. He hoped he was "comfortable in the Ministry of Culture" but doubted as much because, he snarled, rumour had it that Clarke had hoped to reach the Cabinet and felt sadly let down. A few MPs sniggered.

Tom Clarke is 56 and this job is probably as far as he will get. An amiable man, he has never, so far as we know, done Nicholls any harm. Anger rose among Labour MPs as they digested his jibe. It was then that the shouts of "taxi!" began. We act in our natures, not in our interests. It is Nicholls's nature to sting, and I rather admire him for it: but it will not have helped his career.

The shouts of "taxi!" were one of those details of a Commons afternoon which will probably not appear in *Hansard*, which few who were there will have understood and even fewer cared about, but of which the whips will have made a very careful note. They can be critical in influencing a fellow's prospects.

Or lady's. Minutes before, Labour's Hazel Blears had asked the day's first Question. Most will hardly yet have noticed the MP for Salford, but we saw a self-possessed and articulate new MP, brimming with enthusiasm, banging the drum for the "Lowrie Centre" in her constituency. From the sea of matchstick men and women which much of the new Parliamentary Labour Party still resembles, an individual was suddenly fleshed out, emerging as real and positive. Someone, somewhere, will have made a note.

Many will have made a note, too, of Francis Maude's reply to the Culture Secretary's statement on the National Lottery. Mr Maude is a "retread" — a former MP who has returned after a spell without a seat. Like his late father (Angus Maude), he is as sharp as a needle. He has the voice of a stage-villain and the mein of the Mekon in the *Eagle* comic.

Mr Maude also has an uncluttered mind and a relentless prosecuting intellect. His grasp of principle is unerring. Yesterday he went straight for the weaknesses and retreats in Chris Smith's White Paper, and exposed its underlying drift. Listening to him, Tory backbenchers will have found — in a speech quite devoid of rhetoric, "vision" or emotional uplift — reason to recover confidence in the integrity of their cause.

Sinn Fein 'will accept interim peace accord'

Martin Fletcher reports on division among republicans as officials say talks may not lead to a united Ireland

A LEADING Sinn Fein official said yesterday that his party would accept an interim peace accord that fell well short of the united Ireland for which the IRA has fought for the past quarter century.

The statement by Mitchel McLaughlin, Sinn Fein's chairman, seemed certain to fuel the significant opposition to the renewed IRA ceasefire among rank-and-file republicans, and could encourage defections to breakaway groups that have not set aside their arms.

The Irish Republican Socialist Party, the political wing of the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), issued a statement mocking the ceasefire. It asked: "Has the past 27 years of struggle against repression, imprisonment and death all been aimed at securing seats or nationalists at a revamped Stormont and the copper fastening of partition?"

It called the peace process a "thinly-veiled attempt at pacifying nationalist demands while neutralising republican resistance to the British occupation of Ireland", and claimed that view was shared by "a vast majority of grassroots republican supporters and activists".

Republican Sinn Fein, which is considered the political wing of the Continuity Army Council (CAC), likewise accused Sinn Fein of seeking "only a new Stormont rather than a New Ireland free from British rule". It claimed the British had "secured new allies for the restructuring of their rule in Ireland".

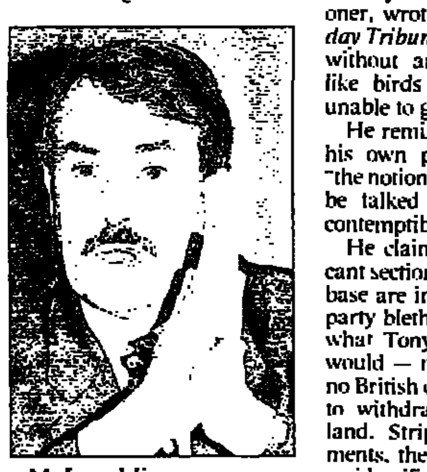
Shortly before being admitted for the first time to the peace talks venue at Stormont Castle, Mr McLaughlin told the BBC that Sinn Fein would "bring our analysis which is that the real democratic basis for peace in our country is to have a unitary state".

But he continued: "We are prepared to discuss, and we believe we can develop agreement on transitional arrangements."

This was the most explicit statement yet of Sinn Fein's negotiating goal. Writing in Belfast's nationalist *Irish News* last week, Gerry Adams said that Sinn Fein would seek a "renegotiation" of the union, but subsequently disputed the newspaper's interpretation of that as meaning he was no longer seeking the union's replacement.

Gauging republican sentiment is hard, but one source close to Mr Adams told *The Times* that while the IRA's command structure was united behind the ceasefire strategy, perhaps 15 per cent of its 'volunteers' had serious reservations. He agreed that defections to the INLA or CAC were possible.

The Irish Times meanwhile reported a "huge gulf in feeling between the leadership and the base", and claimed that amongst Belfast IRA members there was at best "passive acquiescence; at worst, open contempt" towards the new ceasefire.


McLaughlin: can agree "on transition deal"

The same source acknowledged that Mr Adams' goal was an "interim settlement better than now" — a radically-reformed administration with much greater Dublin involvement.

However words like "interim" and transitional" may remind republican activists of how Michael Collins endorsed British proposals for partitioning Ireland in 1921 because he considered them as "stepping stone" to a free and united island. Eamon de Valera disagreed and the Irish civil war resulted.

The source also agreed that Mr Adams and Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, were playing for very high stakes. The 1994 ceasefire had gained nothing: "This is the last ceasefire. It's a simple as that. If this one fails this leadership of Sinn Fein is over."

In a rare public display of republican dissent, Anthony McIntyre, a former IRA prisoner, wrote in Dublin's *Sunday Tribune* that "republicans without armed struggle are like birds without wings — unable to go anywhere".

He reminded Mr Adams of his own past assertion that "the notion that the British can be talked out of Ireland is contemptible".

He claimed that a "significant section of [the republican] base are in no doubt that all-party blether can lead only to what Tony Blair has said it would — no end to partition: no British declaration of intent to withdraw: no united Ireland. Stripped of those elements, the outcome can have no identifiable republican content".

BRIAN LITTLE

Gerry Kelly leading the Sinn Fein delegation into Stormont yesterday

Blair seeks arms formula

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would not be forced to give up any weapons at all until the talking was over and an agreement reached, an interpretation supported by Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, when he spoke of the IRA not handing in a "single bullet".

Mr Blair told Mr Trimble that he does expect decommissioning to take place while all-party negotiations proceed. But he was unable to meet a request that the joint paper be amended to reflect that view.

The paper has already been agreed between the two governments and the IRA's ceasefire decision was clearly based on its contents. A decision to reopen it might therefore put at risk the ceasefire.

Mr Blair is, however, expected to consider over the next two days making plain his understanding that decommissioning should proceed alongside negotiations.

They are to talk again shortly in an attempt to reach agreement before Wednesday's vote at Stormont on the document. But both sides have hinted at the possibility that that vote could be postponed while Mr Blair attempts to placate the Unionists.

Mr Trimble said he probably would vote against the document as things stood although he maintained that would not end the peace process. "We are not in the mode of walking out," he said.

He hinted that he might be prepared to accept assurances from the Prime Minister that decommissioning would take place during talks, even if they were not in the form of amendments to the joint document on decommissioning.

Sinn Fein claims its place at Stormont

BY MARTIN FLETCHER
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SINN Fein claimed its offices at Stormont yesterday, less than 24 hours after the IRA renewed its ceasefire, prompting a walkout from the peace talks by unionists.

Gerry Kelly, a convicted IRA bomber, and Siobahn O'Hanlon, who was sentenced to seven years for explosive offences, reached the bastion of Ulster Unionism on the edge of Belfast shortly before 10am. The media largely missed their admittance because Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, was giving a briefing near by.

Two hours later Mitchel McLaughlin, Sinn Fein's chairman, drove up with two other Sinn Fein officials, Francie Molloy and Annie Armstrong. This time the cameras were there to record what Mr McLaughlin called "one small step for humankind".

Within minutes of Mr Kelly's arrival, Robert McCartney, leader of the UK Unionist Party, walked out with his negotiating team. "We will not negotiate with anyone who supports violence and who are associated with any group which retains the means of inflicting violence upon others for the attainment of political objectives," he said.

Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party did not even go to Stormont yesterday. Peter Robinson, the party's deputy leader said the Government had made no attempt to establish that the ceasefire was genuine. "It's a monumental absurdity that people can call a ceasefire at 12 on Sunday and the Government allows them through the gates of Stormont and into the peace process at 10 next morning."

Mr McLaughlin said Sinn Fein would meet British ministers "as soon as our diaries permit". A meeting between Mr Adams and Dr Mowlam is expected within days. Sinn Fein will not be able to attend the formal talks until the ceasefire has lasted six weeks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Goldsmith party faces cash crisis

The Referendum movement founded by the late Sir James Goldsmith is facing a funding crisis after it emerged that the late businessman's family was unlikely to continue backing the group financially.

Senior figures in the movement will meet in the next few weeks to work out how to raise money following the death at the weekend of their founder. Sir James ploughed more than £20 million into the election campaign.

Lord McAlpine, the former Tory party treasurer who succeeded Sir James, said yesterday that the party had a lot of supporters but he doubted it could rely entirely on their subscriptions.

Crash kills two

A student pilot and her instructor died when an RAF training aircraft crashed into a field beside the main runway soon after take-off at RAF Woodvale, near Southport, yesterday afternoon. The Ministry of Defence said the plane was being used by the Liverpool University Air Training Squadron.

Nurses to sue

The British nurses on trial for murder in Saudi Arabia said that they were to sue the American lawyers representing the victim's brother who is demanding the death penalty. In a statement, Lucille McLauchlan and Deborah Parry accused them of pronouncing them guilty before any evidence was heard in court.

Doctor suspended

Richard Stanley, a consultant breast surgeon at Kettering General Hospital, Northampton, has been suspended after concerns were raised about his clinical practice and his personal contribution to the breast-care team. There have been no complaints about him and there is nothing wrong with his health.

Ex-pupil sues

A woman is suing her former schools for loss of earnings claiming their failure to diagnose her dyslexia has condemned her to a life of "temporary menial tasks". Pamela Phelps, 23, of Hayes End, Middlesex, claimed in the High Court that Hillingdon Borough Council schools had limited her prospects.

Pearl charges

Four people have been charged with illegal pearl fishing in Scotland after a high profile campaign to protect endangered freshwater mussels. Northern Police confirmed that a woman and three men, who have not been named, were charged over the weekend with killing or injuring shellfish.

Britain heads for BSE showdown

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is heading for a showdown today with its European Union partners over demands that they tighten controls on the processing of beef in their abattoirs to protect consumers against "mad cow" disease.

Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, meets his fellow farm ministers in Brussels to seek the introduction throughout Europe of the same strict hygiene controls as those in force in British slaughterhouses. If he fails to reach agreement, Dr Cunningham has said he will ban imports of beef from any countries that have had outbreaks of BSE and do not meet UK abattoir standards.

Dr Cunningham issued that ultimatum to the rest of the EU six weeks ago, saying it was "no game and no bluff", but it remains unclear whether he has the legal power to take unilateral action.

Only Ireland has abattoir controls comparable to those in Britain. Other member states have argued that the small numbers of BSE cases in their herds, often but by no means exclusively in animals imported from Britain, do not justify such measures.

The Government's scientific advisers maintain that the incidence of BSE on the Continent is higher than has been admitted and that imports now pose the only loophole in the measures taken to ensure that beef is safe to eat.

If Dr Cunningham gets his way, abattoirs throughout the EU will have to follow British practice by removing and destroying brain, spinal cord, spleen and other "risk materials" that might carry BSE.

The EU's standing veterinary committee last week rejected a proposal on those lines by eight votes to seven. Ireland, France, Sweden, Luxembourg, Holland and Spain voted with Britain. Dr Cunningham will need at least one of the eight countries that voted against last week to switch sides.

Speaker attacks briefings

BY A STAFF REPORTER

UNATTRIBUTABLE Government briefings are jeopardising the rights of MPs and the House of Commons, Betty Boothroyd warned yesterday.

The Speaker rebuked ministers over the growth in cases of off-the-record information given to journalists by ministers, press officers and so-called spin doctors before statements to the Commons.

She said: "My impression is that over the last 20 years it has progressively developed to the point where the rights of this House are in danger of being overlooked."

She added: "If it is to fulfil its function properly, the House must be the first to hear of important developments in Government policy and I deprecate most strongly any action that is taken that tends to undermine this important principle."

Miss Boothroyd's comments came after the Opposition education spokesman Angela Browning protested in a point of order that BBC Radio had disclosed yesterday that ministers were about to accept unpublished plans to charge students tuition fees.

Mrs Browning said several BBC Radio news reports "stated quite clearly" that the Government intended to end the principle of free higher education for all, and had accepted the recommendations of Sir Ron Dearing's report into higher education that tuition fees should be charged. The report is due to be published later this week.

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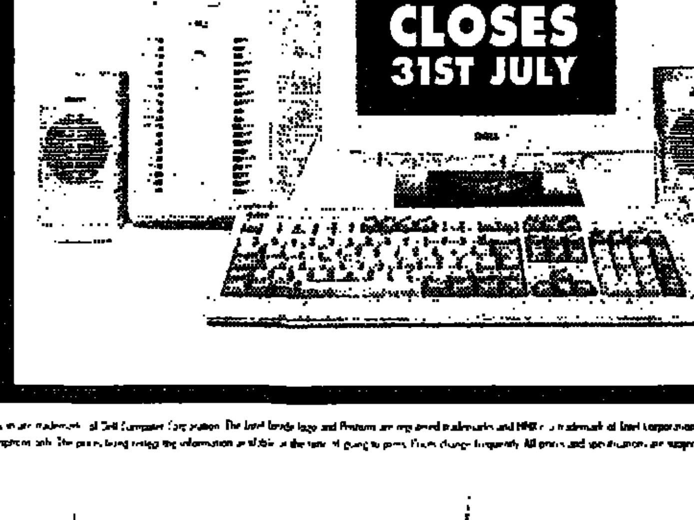

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How sex-lies student derailed another life

Kathryn Knight meets a man who rues the night he met Miss Y

A HARVARD graduate has told how he gave up his prospects of a legal career after one of the women who accused Professor Cottingham of indecent assault made a similar allegation against him in America.

Ethan Haley, a 26-year-old jazz pianist from Minneapolis, said he went through months of stress when Miss Y accused him of breaking one of her ribs and sexually assaulting her. The accusations came after they spent a night together, having met in a nightclub in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Miss Y only made her complaint to police seven days later when Mr Haley refused to pay her money she claimed was for a doctor's visit, made necessary after their night together.

Mr Haley was arrested and charged. For five months he lived with the prospect of court proceedings until the case was dropped because Miss Y could not be contacted by American police.

Mr Haley flew to England last week prepared to give evidence for Professor Cottingham but was not called to the witness box. "I knew I wanted to help. I feel the professor was like me, an innocent victim of this girl's bizarre behaviour. Like him, she came into my life at random and nearly wrecked it," he said.

Mr Haley was working in Breckenridge, a ski resort, in 1993, in his year off before law school, when he met Miss Y in the local nightclub. "She came over and asked me for a dance. She danced very suggestively and I don't like dancing much anyway. So I went to sit back down with my friends again. Then she came over and started dancing in front of me in a really sexual way, almost like a striptease. I was a bit embarrassed so I asked her to sit down and we got talking for what was left of the night."

The two left the nightclub together and returned to Mr Haley's house. "We started kissing and she part undressed herself. She was being very flirtatious and passionate but suddenly she changed and went very cold, saying, 'I'm not going to sleep with you'. I said fine, OK, and then she changed again and started being very sexual again. We spent the rest of the night together, although we did not have intercourse, and the next day I walked her back home and took her number," Mr Haley said.

> ❛ Like the professor, she came into my life at random and nearly wrecked it ❜

"But later that day she walked into the bar where I was having a drink with friends. She came over and told me I'd broken her rib. I was really confused. Then she just turned her back and walked away. That's the last time I ever saw her."

The next day, however, Miss Y's brother, who was working in the same resort, came to Mr Haley's workplace. "He told me that the family had worked out I owed them $550 for the doctor's bill ... I refused to pay, saying I'd done nothing. He said I would be hearing from the police."

Mr Haley was then contacted by police and asked to give a statement which would be submitted to a lie detector test. He agreed and asked whether Miss Y had undergone the test, but was told she had refused.

He was later arrested and charged with third degree assault and third degree sexual assault. "I was terrified of telling my parents and scared that people wouldn't believe my story. I went to see the public defender, who told me the best solution was to plea bargain. I told him there was nothing to bargain about as I had not done anything wrong."

After several agonising months, Mr Hayley was told the case had been dropped. "They said there would be a no prejudice on my file but I was left feeling deeply upset about the whole thing. It is a real slur on your character. I lived under a cloud for five months and what hurts most now is the sense there will always be a tiny slither of doubt in people's minds about what really happened."

Mr Hayley said he was first contacted by Professor Cottingham's wife, Myra, after she discovered that Miss Y had made an allegation in the United States. "I was reluctant to get involved. It was three years on and my trust had been affected by what happened. But it took a lot of courage for Mrs Cottingham to call me and after talking to her and the professor I realised I wanted to do whatever I could to help."

He said he was struggling with feelings of relief and regret that he did not face Miss Y in court. "I was also angry I didn't get to have my say, because I feel she has wasted so many people's time and caused such distress."

Mr Hayley now works as a jazz musician after graduating with a music degree from Harvard. "I had a place at a well respected law school but I gave it up and changed my career path after what happened. The whole process disillusioned me so much and I was also faced with the prospect that if a complaint was recorded on my file I may not be allowed to study law anyway," he said.

ALAN WELLER

Ethan Haley, now a jazz pianist, was prepared to give evidence of his involvement in 1993 with Miss Y

'She was always going off at deep end'

MISS X

A SMALL and slightly built 22-year-old redhead, Miss X flew in from America just before the trial and was staying with Miss Y at her parents' home.

Born and raised a Mormon in Salt Lake City, Ohio, she told the court that she had renounced the faith. Aged 18, she went to the Randolph Macon Women's College, a liberal arts and science college in Lynchburg, Virginia, to study English and creative writing. After two years, she came to an annexe at the college in Reading for a one-year exchange. At the halls of residence she shared with other American students she became known as a rather wild girl prone to bizarre and often aggressive outbursts.

The college head gave her a disciplinary warning after complaints from other students. While the jury was out the court was told Miss X often had rowdy and unsuitable guests in her room and threw things from her window into the courtyard.

On one occasion, she threatened a male visitor to the college with a knife and then inflicted cuts on her own body. "She had a lot of problems," one student recalled. "She was always going off at the deep end."

MISS Y

MISS Y, 24, comes from a comfortable middle-class background and was brought up in a detached home in a home counties village.

Tall, attractive and slim, she was the second girl to give evidence but was unable to follow her friend directly onto the stand. The case had to be adjourned for a day after she was physically sick through nerves. Miss Y retained her composure until she was cross-examined, when she was often close to tears. Yesterday her mother said the case was deeply upsetting because she had not completed her course at Reading University. "She has been portrayed as some kind of loose woman which is just not true," she said.

Those who knew Miss Y at university said she was known as a party girl but had been much quieter in the past year. "There was no shortage of parties and there were lots of different boyfriends," one said. "But this last year she has kept her head down. The general feeling here is that she is a bit odd. She doesn't hold onto friends easily."

Last night Miss Y and Miss X, who met at a university social event last year, were staying at a secret address before Miss X's return to the United States today.

Campus unions tighten relationship guidelines

By Mark Henderson and Richard Ford

INCREASING numbers of allegations of indecent assault and sexual harassment against university lecturers has led all campus unions to draw up detailed guidelines on sexual relationships between students and tutors.

The Association of University Teachers (AUT), the largest university teaching union, suggests that all lecturers in a relationship with a student should inform an appropriate superior or colleague. While such a disclosure is strongly advised, the union's code of conduct says that "failure to do so should not in itself constitute grounds for disciplinary action".

A proposal to ban all sexual contact between students and lecturers in the union's code of conduct was rejected at its annual conference in 1995. In the United States, a survey in 1995 found that 26 per cent of male lecturers had had an affair with a female student.

Christine Cheeseman, chief executive of the Association of University and College Lecturers, said there was little doubt that more allegations of sexual harassment and bullying against tutors were finding their way to court.

"Perceptions are changing, and behaviour that would not have been reported ten years ago is now coming to light," she said. "Not enough of these allegations are being dealt with internally. It is a management problem as much as anything else."

While there are no figures for the number of accusations of indecent assaulty and sexual harassment against lecturers, the number of indecent assaults on women has risen steadily during the past decade from 11,400 in 1985 to a record 17,600 in 1994 before falling to 16,900 in 1995, according to the latest Home Office figures.

Seventy per cent of assaults were cleared up in 1995 though these may have been recorded in an earlier year. In 1995 there were 2,377 convictions for indecent assault on females and 944 people cautioned.

Court considers weighty matter

By Helen Johnstone

DIETERS attending a slimming club became suspicious at the scale of their success at the weekly weigh-ins when the pounds appeared to be falling off, a court heard yesterday. They alerted trading standards officers after a slimmer who recorded a loss of 1 lb on her bathroom scales was told that she had lost 9 lb.

An undercover trading standards officer sent to the slimming club run by Elaine Smith at Dudley Town Hall was told that her weight was plummeting, although she had gained weight during her five-week investigation.

Smith, 52, from Stourbridge, yesterday appeared at Dudley Magistrates' Court on seven charges of knowingly giving false statements under the Trading Standards Act. David Travers, for the prosecution, said: "These are not little errors. These are whopping great differences in weight. It amounts to systematic fraud."

Elisabeth Brough, from Rowley Regis, was told she had lost 9 lb in her first week at the club. She said: "I thought that extraordinary. I had weighed myself at home and I had lost 1 lb." She returned to the club despite her suspicions because it was fun. "All the women were thrilled about the massive weight loss and I got carried along by the flattery."

Jennifer Cook, an inspector for weights and measures who conducted the investigation into the Elaine Smith Slimming Groups, said that slimmers were distracted by chatter and were not allowed enough time on the scales. The trial continues.

Cook: undercover weights inspector

Cash win by victim of Exocet

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

A SHIP'S radio officer severely injured in the Iran-Iraq war is believed to be the first civilian to win compensation in an English court for injuries arising from enemy action in a war zone.

Nicholas Tarrant, 40, lost his right eye and suffered head injuries which ruined his career and left his memory severely impaired, when his salvage tug was struck by an Exocet missile. Mr Justice Clarke yesterday held that a leading marine salvage company Semco Salvage Ltd had negligently failed to give its tugboat skippers instructions on what to do in the event of an Exocet attack. Colin Waters, of Pattinson & Brewer, solicitors, estimated that Mr Tarrant would be entitled to between £350,000 and £500,000 damages. Mr Tarrant, from Hailgate, Howden, North Yorkshire, was on the salvage tug *Salvital* when she was struck by an Iraqi Exocet close to Kharg Island in the Persian Gulf on November 13 1987. Two crewmen lost their lives and four were seriously injured.

Toddler keeps road awake

By Simon de Bruxelles

A BOY aged four with a sleep disorder that causes him to bang his head violently has led to complaints to noise control officers.

Neighbours say they have not had a proper night's sleep in the three years since Carl Smithers developed the condition, which has left him with a bald spot on the top of his head. He only occasionally wakes himself up.

The noise has led to a feud with neighbours in Bridgwater, Somerset, who claim Carl's parents, Bob and Liz, do not do enough to stop his nocturnal knocking. Daphne Dean, 58, who lives two doors away, said yesterday: "The banging has driven us to distraction. The sound carries right through the terrace. At 3 o'clock one morning the medicine bottles were shaking in the bathroom cabinet."

His parents say they have tried everything, including padding the bedroom wall, since their son first developed the spasms when 18 months old. The tactic failed because Carl simply sleep-walked to the nearest hard object and began banging. Mr Smithers, 48, said: "Our main worry is he will actually hurt himself. We have spoken to doctors, called a psychologist, seen a social worker but nothing seems to work. The neighbours keep complaining. We have been threatened with eviction. Our neighbours should mind their own business. We are doing everything we can and it is very difficult."

John Griffiths, area services manager for Sedgemoor District Council, said: "It is a unique situation ... We are working very closely in a multi-agency approach to try and tackle the problem."

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Lone parents given £31m 'hand up'

Personal advisers are to assist single mothers who want to return to work, reports Alexandra Frean

A THOUSAND personal advisers are to be recruited throughout the country at a cost of £31 million to help to find work for Britain's million lone parents, Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, said yesterday.

The first 76 advisers are starting work in some areas this week in the first of the Welfare To Work programmes to begin operation. The scheme will be expanded nationwide next year.

Launching the initiative in Cambridge, Ms Harman said that for too long single mothers had been unfairly consigned to a life on benefit and labelled as "scroungers". She urged them to take advantage of the new opportunities to find work, adding that the Government would ensure that more and better childcare was available. "We believe that childcare is as much part of the economic infrastructrue as roads," she said.

Single parents, predominantly women, who are on income support and with school-age children, will be invited to meet an adviser who will help them to seek local job and training opportunities, and childcare facilities, and help them to calculate whether they would be better off than on benefit.

A key element of the scheme is a series of computer points located in jobcentres and other public places, such as libraries, which the parents can operate by touching the screens to discover what opportunities might be available. Ms Harman said: "This is a radical new approach to welfare — a personalised, helpful, friendly service that offers a hand up not a handout."

It was "simply not acceptable" that there were more than a million lone parents bringing up nearly two million children on income support. Alan Howarth, Education and Employment Minister, added that the Government was not seeking to make single mothers work against their will. He added: "Research suggests that perhaps nine out of ten would like to work if they could overcome practical difficulties."

The scheme will cost £6 million in the first year and £31 million a year once it has been extended. In total, *£200 million has been earmarked*. The first phase began in Cambridge, Sheffield, Cardiff, Warwick, Warrington and Halesowen.

Mothers in Cambridge gave the scheme a cautious welcome. Jean Bowles, 39, with five children aged 6 to 19, has been widowed and divorced. She had had a series of termtime jobs in shops, cleaning and a bank but wanted more steady employment. Being being out of work had sapped her confidence, she said.

Liz Sewell, chief executive of the campaign group Gingerbread, said employers were beginning to recognise that "people who can manage families and budgets on their own will be an asset".

Harriet Harman with Jean Bowles, a mother of five, who says that lack of work has sapped her confidence

Poverty deprives 2.5m children of meals, toys and trips

By Our Social Affairs Correspondent

POVERTY forces an estimated 2.5 million children to go without necessities such as three meals a day, toys and school outings, according to a report published today.

Fourteen per cent of the population, or 7.5 million people, could be described as poor in 1983, compared with 20 per cent, or 11 million people, in 1990, the study by Bristol University researchers and MORI says. The report bases its classification of poverty on a person's access to a list of items and services identified by the general public in opinion polls as the minimum necessary for an "acceptable way of life".

The findings will be presented at the House of Commons today at a meeting of social scientists from 12 European countries, hosted by Clare Short, the International Development Secretary. They show that 10 million people cannot afford adequate housing because their homes are unheated or damp, or because older children must share bedrooms.

Seven million go without essential clothing, such as a warm waterproof coat, and five million are not properly fed, having only two meals a day or insufficient fresh fruit and vegetables. About 6.5 million cannot afford one or more essential household items, such as a fridge, telephone or carpets, says the report, *Breadline Britain in the 1990s*.

Seventy per cent of respondents said that the Government was doing too little to help alleviate poverty and 75 per cent of voters (including 70 per cent of Conservative supporters) said they would support a 1p in the pound increase in income tax if they thought the money would go directly to relieving poverty.

The report also blames poverty for inequalities in mental and physical health. It said that the poor were more likely to feel isolated, to be depressed and to feel looked down upon. They were more likely to have a long-standing illness or a disability, paid more visits to their GPs and had to wait longer for hospital appointments. "Britain has become an increasingly polarised nation," the report concludes.

The survey was funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and London Weekend Television.

Rejecte couple wi ruling o adoption

By Alexandra Frean

A COUPLE won a High Cour fight yesterday to learn why social workers turned down their application to adopt a disabled orphan.

The husband and wife from Cleveland, who already have children of their own, applied to adopt a five-year-old Bulgarian girl last August. Social workers refused to tell them why they were rejected, and that meant they were unable to seek a judicial review of the decision.

Andrew McFarlane, counsel for the local authority, which cannot be named for legal reasons, said that officials believed they had no power to release the information without a court order.

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, ruled that there was no "real value in withholding the necessary information" from the couple, known in court as Mr and Mrs B. He said: "If no reason is given, these people are left wondering whether there is some dark secret about them, or whether there is something that will inhibit them ever adopting."

Mr McFarlane said that changes in adoption law, due to come into force in November, would allow the council to give the reasons at that point. Both sides agreed to adjourn the case until November, when the couple will attempt to persuade the High Court that the refusal was mistaken in law.

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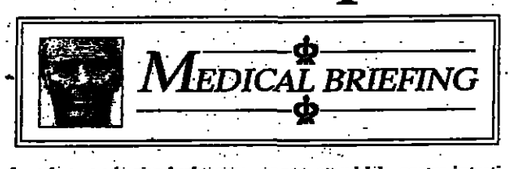

EATING fruit makes the *lungs work better and lengthens life*. How this happens is uncertain, and it highlights the dispute over vitamin supplements.

Even as the Food Commission publishes a critical report on health claims by some manufacturers of food supplements, and Birmingham University starts to study the effect of vitamin supplements on stress and intellect in people under 60, the journal *Thorax* reports on the influence of fruit on respiratory function.

In a study of 2,600 children aged 8-11 in ten schools, the lungs of the pupils who had no fruit were on average 4 per cent less efficient than were those who had fruit once or more a day. Children in the North and Wales were least likely to have an adequate fruit intake.

Having sound lungs is not only important for athletes or advantageous in running for a train, but has an effect on general health. There is evidence of a link between good function and survival: any greater longevity experienced by patients with good respiratory function is not only the result of an absence of pulmonary disease.

A high fruit intake provides a diet rich in vitamin C, vitamin E and folic acid, as well as beta carotene and other related organic compounds. Which vitamin is responsible for better respiratory function, or whether all play a part, is uncertain. Either way, the research emphasises the importance of the Health Education Authority's call for five portions of fruit or vegetables to be eaten daily.

Few doubt that the best diet is one laden with anti-oxidant vitamins and other trace elements. As life becomes more complex, and more live to ages at which gastro-intestinal powers of absorbtion can be failing, vitamin supplements may be necessary. The aged, the sick, the pregnant, food fadists, heavy drinkers, smokers and those too busy to eat well and leisurely may need supplements.

It will be a pity if the advantages of, for instance, the Mediterranean diet rich in fruit, vegetables, cheese, fish and wine was discounted because of extravagant claims by a few manufacturers of alternative medicines. It could equally be life-shortening for some other people if they were discouraged from taking vitamin supplements despite their special needs.

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Take That singer accused of spoiling band's clean image

Adrian Lee hears High Court claims that Robbie Williams indulged in drink and drugs

THE most charismatic member of the chart-topping band Take That rebelled against the group's clean-living image and turned to drink and drugs, the High Court was told yesterday.

Robbie Williams arrived at rehearsals hung over and ignored a code of rules by which the five members of the band had agreed to abide. Eventually, he walked out on the group when it was one of the biggest acts in Europe after two No 1 albums and a string of hit singles, the court was told.

Williams, 23, of Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, is being sued for the non-payment of commission by Nigel Martin-Smith, who created Take That to appeal to young girls. The rise of the band and its equally sudden demise, undermined by the allegedly increasingly erratic behaviour of Williams, its singer, was described by Richard Millett, representing Mr Martin-Smith. He said the band was founded in 1990, a record deal was signed a year later, and by 1992 it began to enjoy "enormous commercial success both nationally and internationally".

Take That sought to please their fans' mothers

Take That were a novelty. With the exception of Gary Barlow, none of the members had any musical training or any experience of the entertainment industry. "They were a boys' band, marketed at young girls. They were designed to please rather than shock. They were the sort of boys that girls could take home to their mums for tea," Mr Millett said.

To protect that image, there was a code of do's and don'ts. It included not going out unchaperoned and avoiding unplanned interviews. The band members were all committed to the group, nurtured excellent relations with the media and portrayed themselves as unattached boys who were likeable and clean living.

Williams was the most high profile, the band's extrovert and funny man. By 1993 Take That was enjoying immense chart success, but a year later Williams's behaviour began to alter. "He began to behave in a manner out of step, out of synchronisation with the rest of Take That, and with the do's and dont's.

"He began to go out to parties and he developed a taste for glamorous and flamboyant parties, alcohol and narcotics. Williams was turning up at rehearsals hung over and unprepared to rehearse."

Other band members held a crisis meeting to try to "sort Robbie Williams out". Mr Martin-Smith struggled to keep Take That together but preparations for a tour were marred by the antics of Williams and his uncertainty over his future with the band. He was said to have lost interest in Take That and in July 1995 he announced his departure. He wanted to stay for another six months but the band, which is now defunct, insisted he should go immediately.

Williams, with cropped hair and wearing a black suit and open-necked white shirt, heard Mr Millett say his client had a binding agreement to receive 20 per cent commission from the pop star. Although Williams's contract with BMG, Take That's recording company, was bought out by another label when he went solo, the deal with the founder and manager of Take That was still in force.

Mr Martin-Smith is claiming damages of several hundred thousand pounds, including record royalties, money from an appearance by Williams on Channel 4's *The Big Breakfast* and income from a fizzy drinks commercial by Williams.

Williams claims that he does not owe the money because the right to the royalties ended when he left BMG. The hearing continues.

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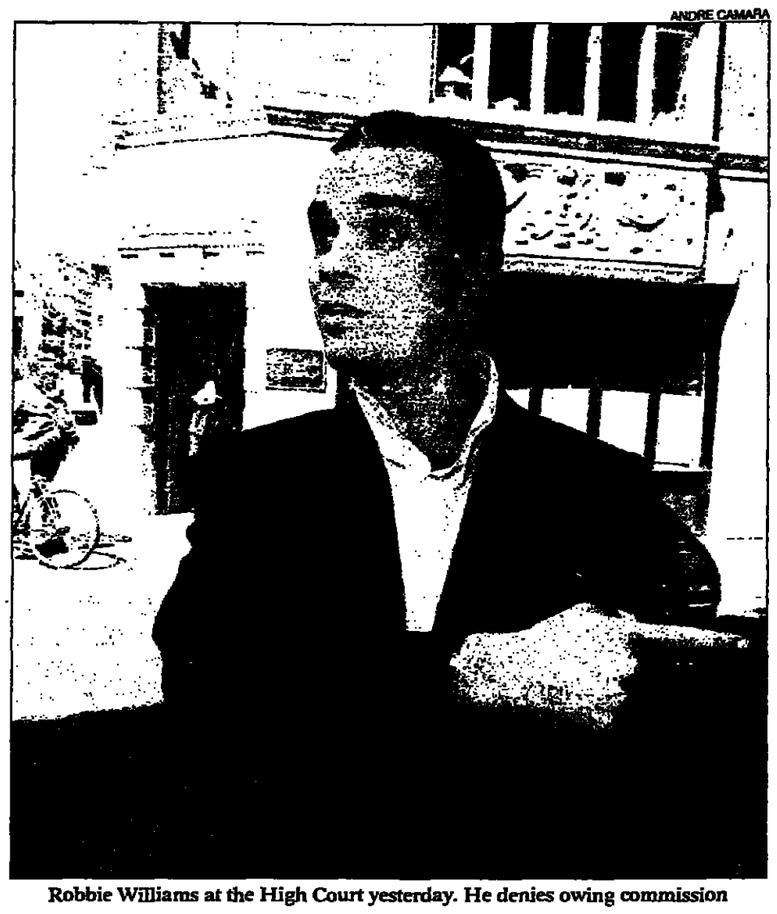

Robbie Williams at the High Court yesterday. He denies owing commission

Boy tells of vain bid to defend mother

By Simon de Bruxelles

A TEN-YEAR-OLD boy and his 12-year-old sister told yesterday how they tried in vain to protect their mother from a knife-wielding intruder.

Brady Wallace told a jury that he hit out at the attacker with a metal pole from a table football game. He wept as he described how he pleaded with his mother not to die after the man had stabbed her repeatedly with a kitchen knife.

Brady and his sister, Sacha, were speaking on a two-way video link at Bristol Crown Court. Barbara Wallace, 33, died after suffering multiple chest injuries, including the fatal stab wound to the heart at her flat in Bristol in January last year.

Errol Graham, 24, who denies a charge of murder, had had a two-month relationship with her but found it "very difficult to let go" when she finished the affair, the court was told.

The two children saw the attack and ran to a nearby telephone kiosk to dial 999. Brady said that when he returned to the flat he found his mother dead.

Sacha said she tried to stop her mother's attacker leaving the flat after the stabbing. "I tried to grab him but he was going too fast," she said.

Police investigating the murder later found a blood-stained knife at Mr Graham's home in Horfield.

The trial continues.

Executive 'sidelined for box of chocolates'

By A Staff Reporter

AN EXECUTIVE said yesterday that he was accused of harassment after he gave a box of chocolates to a woman colleague as a Christmas present.

Tony Manning, 37, said he left the box of Roses on Yvonne Laurie's desk with a note saying: "If the turkey doesn't get you, these certainly will." The note also wished her a Merry Christmas and added: "I am concerned about how thin you are getting. These will fatten you up," an industrial tribunal heard.

The BT computer expert said he was "sidelined" to a different job after Miss Laurie, 26, complained that the £1.50 box of chocolates was "unwanted attention". He is claiming compensation for sexual discrimination.

Mr Manning, a father of two, told the hearing in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, that he gave the chocolates two days before Christmas 1993: "It was just a friendly thing to do. I was not trying it on with her."

Mr Manning, from Great Blakenham, near Ipswich, Suffolk, said Miss Laurie had earlier invited him and his eight-year-old daughter, Katie, to a pantomime she was directing. At the time he did not realise she had told BT bosses that she felt he had been harassing her outside work. The two had played squash and sent e-mail messages to each other to discuss work. The case continues.

Thief crashed car with woman inside

By A Staff Reporter

A CAR thief who drove off under the influence of drink and crashed with an 87-year-old woman still in the vehicle was jailed for five years yesterday.

Alan Williams stole the car from a Chester car park while its owner, the woman's daughter, was shopping. He sped through the streets and hit several vehicles before turning the car onto its side. Williams escaped through the sunroof, leaving Mary Martin trapped inside and one of her daughter's two dogs dead.

He admitted at Chester Crown Court falsely imprisoning Mrs Martin, threatening to kill her, aggravated vehicle-taking, drink-driving and driving without insurance.

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Covert cameras planned for key sites in London

Richard Ford reports on the system that can check suspect car number plates within seconds

A SURVEILLANCE camera system that can check car number plates in seconds is to be introduced at important installations in London and on main roads into the capital, Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, will announce today.

The covert system, which is intended to deter bombers, drug smugglers and other criminals, will be used throughout the Metropolitan Police area but prime districts expected to be monitored are Whitehall, Westminster, the royal palaces, Heathrow and the Blackwall Tunnel. Other likely areas are where motorways start in the London surburbs. Scotland Yard refused to say how many cameras would be used.

The surveillance system scheme is disclosed in the Commissioner's annual report which shows that violent attacks in London rose by 33.5 per cent between April 1996 and March this year. Sexual offences rose by 26.3 per cent. The report also shows that in spite of Operation Eagle Eye, a campaign against muggers, street crime continued to rise though at a lower rate than in previous years.

The Metropolitan Police was unable to put a cost on introducing the automatic number plate recognition system which has been in use with the City of London Police since February. However, they believe it will be an effective counter-terrorist measure and also help to detect other serious crimes. Sir Paul says: "We must not become complacent by our recent successes. I believe this system will detect and prevent many different crimes and help us to protect the people of London against the ever-present terrorist threat".

The cameras read number plates of moving or stationery vehicles and within four seconds the plate is scanned and automatically checked against records on the Police National Computer. Officers in a control room are alerted if the car is suspect.

The system, using computer software, can be linked to video cameras already installed in London and has also been introduced at Calais and Folkestone allowing police in Kent to check motorists using the Channel Tunnel.

In the City of London the system is easier to operate because the "ring of steel" has restricted the number of entry points to the financial centre. Between February 3 and April 13 the system led to 47 arrests and 1,045 follow-ups where cars were tracked or stopped in connection with crime.

Sir Paul's report shows that recorded crime rose by 2.3 per cent to 841,799 offences between April 1996 and March this year compared with 822,596 offences in the 12 months to March 1996.

There were 53,721 violent crimes against the person in the same period compared to the 12 months to March 1996, sexual offences rose by 26.3 per cent to 7,708 and robbery by 8.4 per cent to 32,649. Burglary fell by 5.2 per cent to 161,377 and murder from 140 to 127, the lowest for 15 years. Sir Paul said he was disappointed that muggings and other street crime had risen.

Robbery of personal property reached 28,411 compared with 26,958 in the 12 months to March 1996 and theft from persons was 25,711, an increase of 711.

Sir Paul says that Operation Eagle Eye in areas with serious mugging problems has led to the emergence of the "travelling robber" who moves to other parts of London in an effort to avoid being caught. He adds: "Street robbers have also been involved in 'steaming' offences in premises such as building societies, where a group of street robbers use their collective presence to engender a fear of violence in victims before stealing from them."

JOHN STILLWELL

Diana, Princess of Wales, back from her holiday in France, meets Holly Ann Robinson March, a chemotherapy patient at Northwick Park Hospital, near Harrow, during a visit to unveil a foundation stone for a child casualty centre

Jealous flatmate 'spiked friend's insulin supply'

By Mark Henderson

A TEENAGER who could not bear to see his diabetic flatmate dating his former girlfriend spiked his friend's insulin, possibly with bleach, leaving him critically ill, a court was told yesterday.

Matt Wright, 19, from Ashford, Kent, doctored Tommy Roderick's supply of insulin with an alkaline substance when he became jealous of his friend's relationship with Maxine Fletcher, 18, whom he had dated for 18 months, a jury at Maidstone Crown Court was told.

Mr Roderick spent several days seriously ill in hospital after injecting himself repeatedly with the contaminated insulin and continued to take the poisoned supply after he had been discharged. Doctors thought he was suffering from an infection, unaware that the insulin had been tampered with. Mr Roderick stopped taking it only when he noticed his supply was discoloured and bought a new bottle.

Robin Johnson, for the prosecution, said that Mr Wright could not bear to see Miss Fletcher and Mr Roderick together. "It's clear that the defendant resented the fact that the woman he wanted was there in front of him kissing and cuddling his flatmate."

He said that Mr Wright deliberately put a noxious substance into Mr Roderick's insulin, which he kept in a paper bag in the kitchen of the pair's shared flat. "There was a deliberate and cynical action which Mr Wright was bound to know would cause serious consequences," he said.

Mr Roderick began to feel ill two weeks after he began dating Miss Fletcher. He vomited soon after injecting himself with insulin on August 25 last year. He was taken to hospital suffering from high blood sugar. Doctors feared that his condition was life threatening, the court was told. He improved after taking fresh insulin in hospital but his symptoms returned when he took the contaminated supply again when he was discharged.

Mr Johnson told the court that Mr Wright had admitted tampering with the insulin to a girl he wanted to date. "The word she remembered was disinfectant but what was put into that insulin will probably never be known," he said. When Mr Wright was arrested, police removed a bottle of bleach from the flat

Mr Roderick's father, Thomas, remembered Mr Wright asking what would happen if his son could not take the drug, Mr Johnson said.

Miss Fletcher told the court that Mr Wright had written her several letters in an attempt to win her back. "I said I wasn't interested in going back out with him but I didn't mind being friends," she said.

Mr Wright denies causing grievous bodily harm with intent and causing a noxious substance to be administered or taken so as to endanger life. The trial continues.

Dean resigns from Lincoln Cathedral at Carey's urging

Jackson: innings closed

By Ruth Gledhill and Paul Wilkinson

THE Dean of Lincoln yesterday announced his resignation from the cathedral "specifically at the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury and at quite some personal cost". The Very Rev Brandon Jackson's decision is expected to end an era of strife at the Gothic masterpiece.

He said in a statement yesterday: "It has become increasingly clear to me that I have been at the wicket too long. There is no chance at all of a result and, therefore, the only sensible thing to do is to declare the innings closed. There are other grounds with more favourable wickets, with runs to be scored and games to be won. Future prospects are exciting. There is all to play for."

He and Canon Rex Davis, the sub-dean, were asked to resign more than a year ago by the archbishop, Dr George Carey. Trouble between the two men began in the late 1980s after a fundraising trip to Australia headed by Canon Davis incurred losses of more than £50,000. Dr Jackson, 63, said his leaving did not amount to an admission of guilt or fault. Two years ago the dean was acquitted by a consistory court of "conduct unbecoming" after Verity Freestone, a former cathedral verger, alleged that he had attempted sexual relations with her.

The Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Rev Robert Hardy, said that he hoped Canon Davis would leave too. The canon declined to comment except to say that he felt the dean's resignation "had not changed anything".

The dean, who is to take a six-month sabbatical, has not decided on a new appointment. He and his wife, Mary, are to leave Lincoln and buy a retirement home. On his retirement, the dean can expect to receive the standard clergy lump sum payment of £26,500, plus a pension of about £11,000. He said: "In terms of my leaving, no compensation has been asked for and none has been offered."

Dr Jackson said that he would continue to fulfil his duties as dean but added: "I shall begin to wind down and seek to distance myself and my wife from some of the day-to-day stress and pressures inflicted upon us." He said he had also resigned his canonry, which effectively severs all practical links with the cathedral. Bishop Hardy has granted him the title Dean Emeritus.

The bishop said: "It is good that the dean, after 12 months, has acceded to the archbishop's request for his resignation. It puts an end to the uncertainty and enables us in Lincoln to look ahead. I hope very much that the sub-dean will take the same course of action.

"It has all been very painful for me, my family, for the cathedral, the whole community and, of course, the individuals involved."

Man, 78, jailed for abuse 39 years ago

By A Staff Reporter

A MAN who preyed on three girls was yesterday sentenced to one year's imprisonment, 39 years after the first offences.

Alexander Currie, 78, admitted using lewd and libidinous practices towards three girls at various times in his home in Stirling. The offences, involving the abuse of two girls from 1958 to 1963, and of another girl in 1995, came to light when the most recent victim complained.

The case was delayed at Stirling Sheriff Court until a police doctor's report found Currie fit for custody. He has a heart complaint and suffers from senile dementia.

The attacks started when the girls were aged between six and ten. Two of his victims are now aged 45 and 49. On one occasion in 1960, while his family were at church, he lured one girl, aged eight, into his bed and simulated sexual intercourse.

Sheriff Robert Younger told Currie: "In view of your age and failing health, I'm sentencing you to one year's imprisonment. That is less in my opinion than your guilt of these charges would normally deserve." The judge also ordered a six-month supervised release because there was a risk he would reoffend.

Depute fiscal Laura Miller said the earlier offences came to light only after the most recent victim complained about Currie touching her over several months and social workers were called in. Mrs Miller said the girl, then seven, told social workers he had touched her when he was shaving.

Of the earlier offences, Mrs Miller said: "There were other family members in the house but they were unaware of what was happening."

George Pollock, for the defence, said: "His family appear to be willing to accept him and forgive him and look after him in his twilight years."

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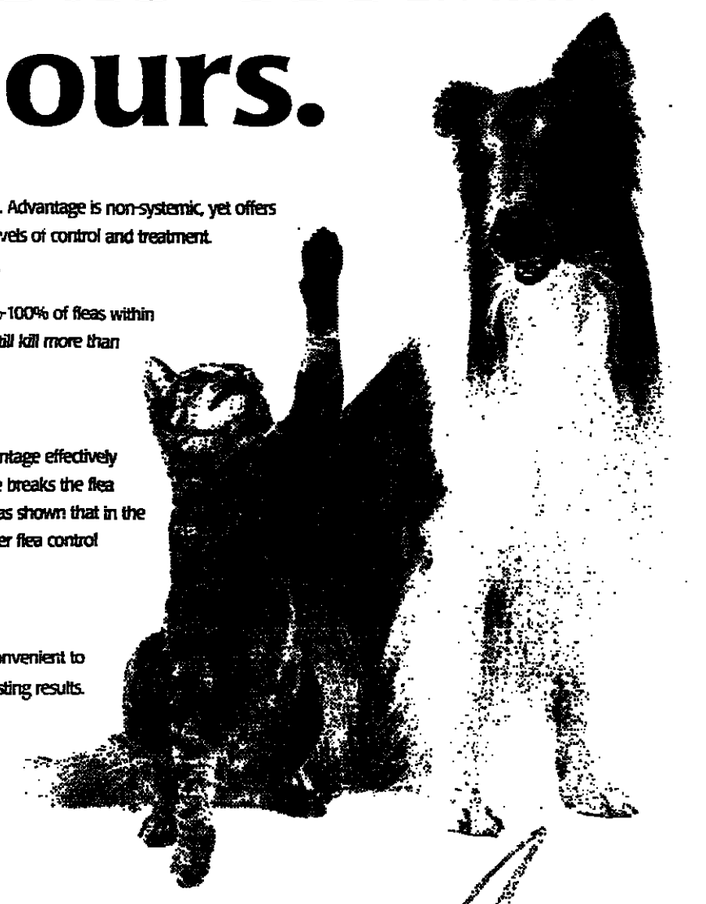

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Allan Rogers MP

Yesterday's Diary item "Straight Talk" about the war of words between Dr Adrian Rogers and Ben Bradshaw, MP for Exeter, was mistakenly accompanied in some editions with a photograph of Allan Rogers, MP for Rhondda, who is in no way involved in the dispute described. We apologise for the confusion caused.

Robert Broudie

An article ("Solicitor wins sex bias case", April 5) reported an industrial tribunal case against a Liverpool solicitor, Robert M. Broudie. The tribunal said on the facts in dispute it found Mr Broudie's evidence persuasive. It rejected the applicant's claims that Mr Broudie had pestered her with offers of romance, kissed her shoulder at an office party, peered through the window of her home, demanded the return of a cake and made telephone calls to her home causing the break-up of a relationship. The applicant recorded only one conversation with Mr Broudie, which to some extent supported his version of events. We apologise to Mr Broudie for not making these matters clear.

CORRECTION

Lord Justice Staughton did not say, as mistakenly reported in an appeal court case relating to the employment of clergy (report, July 12), that there was no address for God, and that He could not be served with documents.

Driver with past takes a turning into the Church

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

A FORMER drug addict who served time in jail for a stabbing has become a Church of Scotland minister. The Rev Cameron McKenzie was converted when he was working as a minicab driver, after a spiritualist passenger shocked him by knowing details of his life that he had kept secret.

Mr McKenzie, 37, who was ordained last week and serves in Haddington, East Lothian, said: "I wouldn't say that I found God; He came looking for me."

Known during his youth as "Cammy", he served two years in jail for a revenge stabbing, and after his release spent hundreds of pounds satisfying a craving for amphetamines, cannabis and cocaine. He said: "I was involved in some heavy duty stuff — drugs, drink and dishonesty. I was never into house-breaking — the dishonesty was more to do with ripping off the authorities, the social security and the taxman.

"I saw them as legitimate targets. I was into drugs in a big way. I was on dope, LSD, speed, acid, occasionally coke, and some pills."

His life changed in 1987, when a female passenger in his cab told him she was a spiritualist and began describing his life.

Mr McKenzie said: "When I turned round to get my two quid fare, I also got the story of my life. She told me things about my life that even my own mother couldn't have possibly known.

"She finished by telling me there was a great black cloud hanging over my life, and the only person that could take it away was God."

After chatting with friends, Mr McKenzie started to take an interest in religion. Initially he attended Christian house gatherings and later joined his local church before seeking ordination.

McKenzie: involved in "heavy stuff"

Judge condemns Nigerian fraudsters

A JUDGE born in the West Indies sent three Nigerian fraudsters to prison yesterday and said: "I am going to make an observation which other judges cannot make because they might be accused of being racist. This sort of offence is being committed by well-educated Nigerians."

Recorder Leonard Woodley, QC, who is British but was born on the Caribbean island of Trinidad, said that he was imposing tough sentences as a deterrent to others.

None of the convicted men had had the "courage or decency" to plead guilty, he told Southwark Crown Court.

The three men had a trunk of 12 million pieces of paper, coated in black starch, and cut to the size of American $100 notes. They pretended that it was money that had been coloured black so it could be taken out of Nigeria, and that it needed an expensive chemical to wash away the starch.

Lester Turner, an American lawyer from Harbour Springs, Michigan, was fooled into paying the Nigerians $28,200 (£16,500) for the paper in the expectation of making a profit out of the deal when the "money" was cleaned.

Police had been keeping the gang under surveillance and the three were arrested after an undercover officer calling himself Carl Alexander told them that he was prepared to pay £20,000 for the worthless pieces of paper. All three were convicted of conspiracy to defraud and deception.

Yesterday the ringleader, Ibrahim Dumuje, 41, a company director, from Edgware, northwest London, was jailed for four years. Charles Oba, 41, unemployed, from Kingsbury, northwest London, was sentenced to three years and Victor Adim, 38, unemployed, from Cricklewood, was given two years.

The judge revealed that Dumuje was a well-known businessman in Nigeria and had been earning more than £100,000 a year. He was the director of a travel company and before his arrest he had political aspirations in his homeland. Adim was said to have obtained a degree at Middlesex University and had later gained an MA in business administration.

The judge said: "You tried to pull the wool over the eyes of the jury. I cannot understand how on earth you thought you could get away with it."

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Hospitals' plans for disaster condemned

By Ian Murray, Medical Correspondent

HOSPITALS are badly prepared for major disasters such as train crashes and fires, a survey published today says.

Emergency teams are usually not given clear enough instructions to be effective, according to the study of nearly 150 hospitals handling at least 30,000 emergency patients a year each.

Although the NHS Executive told hospitals in 1990 to draw up guidance on assembling teams to handle major incidents, half the plans failed to list all the members required. Only a third of the teams contained both a surgeon and an anaesthetist.

Few of the hospitals distinguished between surgical and medical resuscitation teams, says the survey carried out for the Royal College of Surgeons. In almost half the teams the leader was a doctor in training. Members of the mobile teams sent to the scene were invariably junior doctors with the least experience.

The report says that plans seem to be based on which staff were available rather than on the skills and experience needed. Plans failed to name individuals needed in key roles.

"Experience has shown that major incidents may result in a large number of clinical conditions, not just multiple trauma," the report says. "A broad background of experience in resuscitation is therefore essential." It was better to send senior clinicians in emergency medicine than surgeons with little experience of chest pain or respiratory burns.

"Many plans use surgeons in an unfamiliar role when they might be better employed in the receiving hospital," says the report in *Pre-Hospital Immediate Care*, a specialist magazine produced by the British Medical Association.

"The routine use of surgeons in mobile medical teams may result in an unnecessary depletion of a receiving hospitals' surgical resource...

"Modern techniques of rescue and extrication have greatly reduced the need for on-scene surgery. Most patients with a requirement for surgery will be moved from the scene rapidly, often before a mobile team can be assembled and transported. When on-scene surgery is required, it is limited almost exclusively to amputation."

The report says that well-trained, experienced staff are essential. Where it is impossible to provide a full team of specialists from one hospital, arrangements for sharing consultants must be made.

"Major incident planners should review plans for the pre-hospital response to major incidents in the light of these results," the report urges.

Mentally ill 'left alone'

By Our Medical Correspondent

TOO many psychiatric patients are left on hospital wards with too little to do, the independent Mental Health Act Commission said yesterday. The patients have limited opportunites to talk to the staff and the distribution medicines is the "main therapeutic component of the day".

The commission's biennial report says that for the first time in a decade there are signs that the number of people detained under the 1983 Mental Health Act is levelling off, after rising by 53 per cent in the early 1990s. There are now 26,100 a year. Once admitted they are likely to find staff are preoccupied with those who are at risk or need special observation. Women rarely had a choice of single-sex wards.

MICHAEL POWELL

Alan Whitfield, the pilot, left, and his son Ian, right, on a trial dive beneath Windermere. The crew hope to take paying customers soon

Windermere launches in-depth adventure

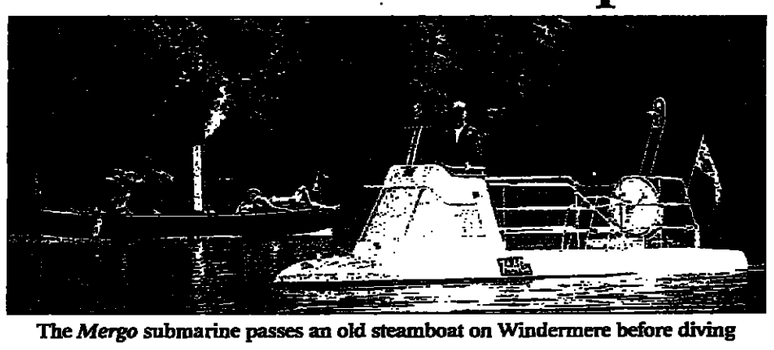
By Russell Jenkins

A FINNISH-BUILT submarine that will take tourists to the bottom of Windermere for an adrenalin-filled hour of exploration was put through its paces yesterday.

Speeding water skiers and gentler steamboats were quickly lost to view as the ten-passenger *Mergo* descended through beautiful translucent green to murky darkness.

More than 100ft below the surface the craft touched bottom, throwing up silt and debris. Powerful lights searched for aquatic life or wrecks beyond the immediate fog. Only yards away were the remains of an experimental paraffin-fuelled aircraft that crashlanded without its pilot off Ringing Crag in 1917.

Further into the murk were pike, perch, stickleback, the rare Arctic char and the mysterious wrecks of many a holed steamboat, as well as several Shorts Sunderland flying boats of the Second World War which, according to legend, were scuttled near by in 200ft of water.



The *Mergo* submarine passes an old steamboat on Windermere before diving

The submarine will soon ply for trade, at £49.50 for an hour's dive under Windermere, the biggest lake in England. The crew, led by Alan Whitfield, director of Silvercrest Submarines, based in Cirencester, is still looking for rewarding sites. Although there is little but zooplankton to see at the moment — scarcely sensational to a generation brought up on televised Jacques Cousteau programmes — the dives are being billed as the only chance to become a submariner in Britain short of joining the Royal Navy.

Mr Whitfield said: "Where you are going, no man has ever been before. It is the underwater equivalent of going to Mars." When the submarine excursions are established, the crew want to be able to investigate the site of an old steamboat called the *Elfin* that sank off Ambleside in 1927 in 60ft of water. Mr Whitfield is discussing possible sites with the Steam Boat Museum in Bowness.

Mike Smith, the co-pilot, said: "It is quite possible we will move the operation up to Ambleside. We are certain there are better diving conditions in that water basin. "That is where they were dumping the old steam boats in the late 1940s when they became obsolete."

The advent of submarine travel on Windermere has been greeted with only minor alarm by the lake's anglers, who fear for the future of the Arctic char, a throwback to the Ice Age.

Silvercrest brought the Helsinki-built *Mergo* back from an unsatisfactory sojourn in the Florida Keys. The craft takes the place of a smaller submarine that took paying customers for two summers under the surface of Loch Ness. Mr Whitfield acknowledges that they never saw any sign of Nessie but they did hear strange sounds during their deep "black-water dives". They hope that Windermere will be more generous with her secrets.

RAC puts London's 15,000 lost drivers on the map

By Arthur Leathley
Transport Correspondent

MORE than 15,000 motorists are lost in London at any one moment because of dilapidated or non-existent road signs, the RAC claimed yesterday.

The absence of clear streetside information is forcing thousands of drivers to cause unnecessary congestion throughout the day, the motoring organisation said. It is proposing a £15 million programme of replacing or erecting signs as part of a string of measures to counter traffic hold-ups that could be introduced swiftly and relatively cheaply.

In a report on transport policies in the capital, the RAC issued a warning that the Government's long-term plans for a new transport policy would not be taken seriously unless ministers took action on short-term remedies.

The RAC's blueprint for action demands that ministers make it a priority to create a city-wide transport authority to co-ordinate roadworks and street closures.

More cycle parking facilities and wider use of home delivery services by supermarkets could ease London's traffic problems relatively cheaply, the report, *Transport Policies for London*, says.

The report also recommends that high quality, secure motorcycle and bicycle parking facilities should be provided at rail stations and in West End shopping areas. The red route schemes that prevent parking on bus routes should be extended to priority routes and there should be tougher implementation of parking laws.

Edmund King, the RAC's head of campaigns, said: "We have identified several areas which should be given an immediate priority and must not be delayed by the Government's transport policy review.

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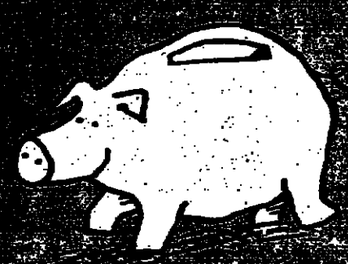

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Minister who is determined to relinquish his empire

By Valerie Elliott
Whitehall Editor

THE WHITEHALL REVOLUTION

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Government's efforts to bring a fresh approach [illegible]

IT IS rare for a Cabinet minister to volunteer the stripping of his empire. But when Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, publishes his White Paper on devolution today he will be taking the first big step towards giving up responsibility for spending £7,000 million a year to the proposed Welsh assembly.

Under the plan, he will also lose about 2,000 civil servants, who will work for the all-party new assembly, and his two junior ministers. He will, however, remain as a voice for Wales in the Cabinet and in Europe. He will also be an *ex-officio* member of the assembly, observing its work and making statements to it. He is expected to retain an office, his Permanent Secretary and a staff of between 50 and 100 officials.

Mr Davies, a vehement anti-devolutionist in 1979 when Wales rejected the proposition, has become a devotee with a passionate distaste for "rule by governor-general in Wales". Since he arrived at the Welsh Office in May he has worked relentlessly with officials on the White Paper. It has been ready for weeks and there was some disappointment in the department when they were made to wait until the Scottish proposals were ready before they could publish.

Under the proposals, the Welsh Secretary will continue to act as the conduit between the Cabinet, Whitehall and the assembly. He would also be charged with battling for funds for Wales in the regular public spending rounds with the Treasury. Welsh Office staff will also continue to be part of the career Civil Service.

There will, however, be an inevitable culture shock for staff who will be working for all parties. Mr Davies is determined that the assembly must be as "inclusive" as possible and he wants it to be open and flexible in the way it deals with the Opposition parties.

It is likely that it will take about two years to set up an assembly and organise elections for the 60 places — 40 constituency seats and another 20 to be decided by proportional representation. Regional committees will also be set up to influence the assembly. The Government has decided there is no reason why Welsh Labour MPs cannot also stand sit on the assembly.

Crucial to the success of the assembly is a new organisation acting as the economic powerhouse for Wales. Mr Davies will outline his idea to beef up the Welsh Development Agency in the White Paper. It is expected to take over the work of the Development Board for Rural Wales and the Land Authority for Wales to create a massive new body to encourage inward investment, new business and jobs.

Other quangos and public bodiès, however, will be dismantled to allow the assembly much greater input on vital issues such as housing. Only those set up by royal charter or which offer truly specialist advice are likely to be retained.

It has not been an easy ride for Mr Davies. Little known outside Wales, he quickly established a reputation as a bruiser when he was accused by the Labour MP Llew Smith, a Welsh devo-sceptic, of threatening to expel him from the party if he spoke against the assembly. Mr Davies robustly denied the charge, but the Tory Opposition is determined to continue exploiting the disharmony.

The episode also coincided with another run-in for Mr Davies. He decided to scrap the list of "boyos" selected for possible public appointments and to start a new register. The decision infuriated Whitehall departments. Mr Davies got his way, but a Welsh Office source said: "They tried to tell Ron that now he was in Government the trick was to sound radical not to do anything radical. They picked the wrong man."

Mr Davies is buoyed by recent opinion poll findings, which show that Welsh voters are backing an assembly by two to one, but he is determined that there should be a convincing yes vote to endorse the policy. The strategy will be for Tony Blair to visit Wales at critical periods to boost support.

The White Paper will be available from today at bookshops throughout Wales and from the Stationery Office. A short version will be sent to every Welsh household next month. A pro-devolution rally will be held at Cardiff Castle tonight.

The In-Tray

- Reform of quangos: manifesto pledge to dismantle Welsh quangocracy, some 120 bodies running everything from housing to hill farms, usually stuffed with Conservative supporters.
- Education: a special education taskforce to improve links between education with skills training. Creation of family literacy centres for parents and children.
- Health: review GP fundholding arrangements, identify more cash for dental services, improve health and diet of Welsh people.
- Transport: more work to improve north-south road link. Review potential for expansion at Cardiff Airport.
- Welsh assembly: ministers must decide the site. The favourites are the former Coal Exchange in Cardiff or Cardiff City Hall.
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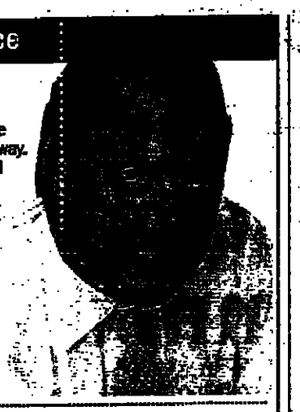

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Smith to monitor Bland inquiry

By Jill Sherman
Chief Political Correspondent

CHRIS SMITH will call in the police if an internal inquiry backs allegations that Hamilton Bland, a BBC swimming commentator, has been involved in a conflict of interest over National Lottery money distribution.

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has initiated a speedy inquiry into the allegations reported in *The Times* last week. The inquiry, which is due to report before the end of the month, is being carried out by senior audit officials within the department and the English Sports Council. But senior ministers last night made clear that the council's own handling of the matter was also under scrutiny.

There has been concern that the council apparently ignored early warning signs of Mr Bland's involvement.

Sources close to the department said Mr Smith would immediately refer the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions if the allegations are substantiated. The sources added that the Sports Council, which distributes lottery cash and is given funding by Mr Smith's department, might be advised to sack Mr Bland if the allegations were proved.

Mr Bland has an official role recommending to the sports council which swimming pool bids should receive lottery money. But according to an investigation by *The Times*, he also has a profitable business as a consultant to voluntary organisations who want to secure lottery funding to build pools.

The sports council raised concerns about Mr Bland's multiple business interests two years ago, but the Amateur Swimming Association still renewed his contract as its facilities consultant.

Since then more than £80 million has been allocated from lottery funds to build new pools and the association is seeking a further £500 million for 19 more Olympic-size pools and dozens of smaller pools.

Mr Bland does declare to the association which organisations he represents and is not involved in making recommendations on whether these pools should get cash.

Ministers defeated in Lords

By James Landale
Political Reporter

THE Government yesterday suffered its third parliamentary defeat when peers supported Conservative changes to plans for a referendum on Scottish devolution.

The House of Lords voted by 149 to 132 in favour of a Tory amendment to ensure that the referendum will be on a Scottish parliament with powers to raise only income taxes. The Referendums (Scotland and Wales) Bill, which came up for its report stage in the Lords yesterday, initially referred to only the more general "tax varying powers" of a Scottish parliament. Although ministers have said that the parliament will be able to change only income taxes, the Tories insisted that the power should be spelt out on the face of the Referendums Bill.

The defeat will be overturned in the Commons later this month by Labour's large majority but the move will allow Tory spokesmen to focus on the fears of possible tax rises for the Scottish people.

Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, Tory spokesman on Scottish matters in the Lords, said: "This crossbench amendment would ensure that, whatever their current intention, neither this nor any future government could use the authority of this referendum to claim that the Scottish people had voted for more general tax-raising powers."

Student debts 'sale' to raise £3 bn

By Polly Newton
Political Reporter

THE Government's plans to "sell" student debts for future collection by private operators will benefit the whole education service, Stephen Byers, Education Minister, said yesterday.

Mr Byers said the sale was expected to raise £1.6 billion for the Treasury in this financial year and £1.5 billion in 1997/98. Twenty financial institutions were already competing to buy the loans, he told MPs. Speaking during a debate on the second reading of the Student Loans Bill, which will allow for the sale, Mr Byers said that the initiative had come from the previous Government.

However, Labour had pledged in its manifesto to adhere to the Conservative's spending plans for the next two years and therefore had to implement the policy. "If that money was not raised, there would be difficulties as far as the education and employment budget is concerned."

Mr Byers said the scheme would have to be subsidised by the Government to make it attractive to the private sector, but that subsidy would be set at the lowest possible level.

The interests of students would be protected through an independent complaints procedure and through regulation by the Government of loan terms and conditions. Mr Byers said: "Selling the loans and transferring the risk of default to the private sector inevitably means the purchaser has to take over responsibility for loans and administration but this doesn't mean that borrowers will be abandoned."

The move was welcomed by Angela Browning, Shadow Education Minister, who applauded the decision to continue the plans of the previous government.

The Bill was given a second reading by 267 votes to three, a government majority of 264.

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'Stressful' Strauss leads to new case over village operas

By Mark Henderson

THE Garsington Opera Festival, which villagers disrupted with hedge trimmers and lawnmowers last month in protest at booming performances of Strauss and Haydn, is to be prosecuted for the second time in three years for causing noise pollution.

South Oxfordshire District Council's licensing committee decided yesterday to take Leonard Ingrams, the festival organiser, to court after a report found three performances of the Richard Strauss opera *Die Aegyptishce Helena* breached the noise levels allowed by the festival's licence.

Stephen Turner, an environmental health officer, said the 55-piece orchestra that performed the work had been excessively loud. "I felt there was unacceptable intrusion on the Strauss evenings and at the moment I do not see any immediate resolution to the problem." The Strauss opera is known as a particularly noisy work.

The open-air festival, held by Mr Ingrams in the grounds of his Jacobean manor house, has been a source of tension in the Oxfordshire village since it began nine years ago. Residents say performances shatter the peace of their summer evenings and ruin their quality of life.

Last month they organised a noisy protest to greet the opening night of this year's 23 performances, switching on their lawnmowers and trimmers as the orchestra played the opening bars of Haydn's *Le Pescatrici*. Car alarms were set off and one villager buzzed the operagoers in a light aircraft.

Mr Ingrams, the brother of Richard Ingrams, the former editor of *Private Eye* and now editor of *The Oldie*, was fined £1,000 for causing noise pollution in 1994, although his conviction was quashed on appeal.

This February he won approval from the Department of the Environment to continue the festival for seven years, subject to a licence from South Oxfordshire council.

Residents said the Strauss opera had caused the most nuisance. Anne Tomlin, chairman of Garsington parish council, said: "Strauss was the loudest. If you had a young child going to sleep you could hear the music."

Paul Hunter, a farmer, said the brassy sounds of the German opera had been almost unbearable. "In particular, it was the Strauss. I was able to hear the opera over the normal level of my television, despite the windows and doors being closed."

Nathan Millard, a solicitor acting for Monica Waud, who lives 70 yards from Garsington Manor, said the musicians had repeatedly breached noise levels set out in the festival's licence.

"The Strauss opera was appalling for the residents. It precluded them from going to sleep," he said. Performances of the Haydn work and Mozart's *Cosi fan tutte* were not so intrusive, residents said.

Ms Waud, a social worker, said her campaign against the festival would go on until it was stopped by the courts. "This decision is a long time overdue and it is about time something was done to stop Mr Ingrams."

His wife, Rosalind, said the festival had done its best to curtail noise pollution with soundproof curtains, and that many residents of the village did not find it too loud. "The majority of people in Garsington are in favour of the opera and even come to the performances," she said.

ALAN WELLER

Sir Edwin beside a bust of Sir Henry Tate, the gallery's founder, yesterday

Shy millionaire finally explains £7m gift to Tate

By Damian Whitworth

THE shy millionaire who made the biggest single donation to the Tate Gallery chose the occasion of its centenary yesterday to explain his generosity.

Sir Edwin Manton, who had craved anonymity and was only recently discovered to be behind a £7 million gift, said he was indebted to a member of the Tate's staff whose advice stopped him buying fake Constables. A further motive for the gift was avoiding tax.

Sir Edwin, 88, who was born in Earls Colne, Essex, but has lived in America for 60 years and made a fortune in insurance, donated the £7 million towards the £31 million Tate Gallery Centenary Development at Millbank in 1992. He also promised a bequest of up to £5 million and the gift of a recently discovered Constable, *Glebe Farm*.

He said yesterday that he was addicted to buying watercolours, oil paintings and sketches by Constable. "I was born 20 miles from where Constable was born so perhaps it is nostalgic. I'm a compulsive buyer. I do not look upon investing as an investment. It's better to buy art than bottles of Scotch. I'm not sure how many I've got, 50-odd I suppose."

Sir Edwin, who started collecting in 1945, said he had not always bought what he thought he had. "The first one I bought turned out not to be by Constable at all. I was right about 50 per cent of the time."

Then he discovered Leslie Parris, deputy keeper of the British collection at the gallery, who has advised him for many years and alerted him to the *Glebe Farm*, which was discovered in America two years ago and is the fourth version of the subject. Two versions are already in the Tate and the latest will go on display in November.

He added: "I made my gifts anonymously to protect myself. It was not a noble feeling. I was simply protecting my purse." His identity leaked out when a journalist noted that he had received his knighthood for services to the Tate.

Ted Hughes poems start a classic row

By Damian Whitworth

THE decision by judges of a poetry prize to shortlist Ted Hughes's version of a classical epic by Ovid has ignited a debate in the world of verse: when is a translation not a translation but an original work?

The panel for the £10,000 Forward Prize has included the Poet Laureate's *Tales from Ovid*, based on the Roman poet's *Metamorphoses*. But translators are unhappy at what they consider to be bending the rules for a famous name.

Peter Dale, who recently published an acclaimed version of Dante's *The Divine Comedy* that kept closely to the text, said that all translations, however loose, should be excluded from poetry prizes.

"It's a tricky one, because Ted Hughes's translation is not really a direct translation," he said. "But there are other translators who use the same techniques and I wouldn't think they would get shortlisted. I think it would be much better if [the judges] restricted the Forward Prize to purely creative work."

Hughes: free translation of an epic by Ovid

Chris Meade, chairman of the Poetry Society and one of the judges, said: "We felt that there was an awful lot of Ted Hughes in it. He's a very important poet and this is a significant work by him."

Peter Jay of Anvil Press, who publishes a range of poetry in translation, agreed: "It's an original work. It rattles along and retells the stories wonderfully."

Winners of the Forward Prizes will be announced on October 8. Others shortlisted for the best collection are: *Violet* by Selima Hill; *The Marble Fly*, Jamie McKendrick; *Salt Water*, Andrew Motion; *The Clever Daughter*, Susan Wicks; and *The Vigil*, C.K. Williams.

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Ministers accused of U-turn over lottery profits

By Jill Sherman and Carol Midgley

THE Government was accused yesterday of abandoning its manifesto pledge to put the National Lottery in the hands of a non-profit body.

Presenting the White Paper on the People's Lottery, Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, admitted that a profit-making company could win the licence when Camelot's contract expires in 2001 if it offered the best returns for the good causes.

Mr Smith said the reforms would make the Lottery "for the many not for the few" and mark a turning point in the game's controversial history.

But during angry exchanges in the Commons, Francis Maude, the Shadow Culture Secretary claimed that Labour had realised that its "dogmatic and destructive pledge" was at odds with its own conversion to free enterprise and profit motive. He accused Mr Smith of a U-turn prompted by Tony Blair's insistence that incentives were needed to ensure that the operator worked efficiently.

Mr Maude also claimed that the Government was siphoning lottery money off for health, education and environment to meet a black hole in public finances, despite Labour's earlier insistence that lottery money should never be used in these areas. "You have been rolled over by Downing Street and the Treasury," Mr Maude said. "The people's lottery is becoming the Government's lottery."

The White Paper outlines the biggest reorganisation of the lottery since it began three years ago with new powers for the regulator to impose fines on the operator, a new sixth good cause — an Opportunities Fund for health, education and environment projects, and new laws to ensure more even distribution on money throughout the region.

Camelot welcomed the White Paper and claimed that it would be happy to rebid under the terms suggested.

But many charities greeted the long-awaited White Paper with disappointment. Some said that the changes did not go far enough and declared that they were pinning their hopes on the Government's initiative to invite millions of punters to give their views on how the lottery is run.

Steve McEwan, finance controller of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, which was turned down in its bid for lottery money to fund a mobile donor recruitment centre, said that healthy living centres were welcome but the public wanted money to help medical research charities.

"We are pleased they are letting people have their say because we are confident that they know better than faceless committees where the public want money to go. We are pretty disenchanted with the whole lottery scheme."

Prof Gordon McVie, director general of the Cancer Research Campaign also welcomed the new centres, but emphasised that the government taxes contributed only £15 million on cancer research each year — 10 per cent of the total amount spent. "The Government is not giving enough to research, that sadly is a fact, and lottery money would be an excellent source. However, we didn't really expect anything from this White Paper. We are now looking to the year 2000 to see if we can benefit from when the Millennium Fund closes down."

A spokeswoman for Turning Point, the charity which helps drug abusers but was denied lottery money to set up counselling centres, said: "Turning Point would like to see more specific money put into community drug schemes and drug education that would have a direct impact on communities, such as reducing drug-related crime."

Chris Smith announcing the Government's plans for the running of what it called the People's Lottery

Sixth good cause will get £1bn

By Carol Midgley

A SIXTH good cause will be created next year to answer public calls for more National Lottery money to be spent on popular projects. About £1 billion will go to health, education and environmental projects as part of the Government's pledge to run a non-elitist "people's lottery".

The New Opportunities Fund will pay for 500,000 teachers in Britain to be trained in the use of information and communication technology in the classroom and set up a network of "healthy living centres" to promote health and fitness, particularly in deprived areas.

The centres, which may be mobile or set up in schools, churches, libraries and community centres are intended to give advice on subjects ranging from stress management to how to stop smoking. One pilot project in the Wirral and cited in the White Paper provides mobile health and fitness screening in pubs, betting shops and schools.

After-school homework and activity clubs are also to be provided for at least half of all secondary schools and a quarter of primary schools.

Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, said that by 2001 £1 billion would have been allocated to the New Opportunities Fund and to Nesta, a new trust to promote talent in science, technology and the arts. He said the existing five good causes — the arts, sport, charities, heritage and millennium projects — would be unaffected by the new fund.

Original forecasts predicted the good causes would get £1.8 billion each by the end of the seven-year licence period. But the success of the Wednesday draw is now expected to secure an extra £1 billion which will go to the new fund and Nesta.

This amounts to public spending by any definition

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Government yesterday announced a £1 billion increase in public spending on health, education and the environment. Chris Smith, Secretary for Culture, Media and Sport, did not put it that way. In launching his White Paper on the National Lottery, he talked about setting up a new good cause, the New Opportunities Fund, to reflect "the people's priorities". The "people" is a favourite new Labour phrase, no doubt suitably focus-group tested.

Of course, the redistribution of the bigger-than-expected pot of lottery money for good causes in this way is nothing directly to do with the people. You and I have no direct say. Decisions on where the money goes will be taken by ministers and their appointees on our behalf. The forthcoming bill will allow "the Government to specify by order the initiatives which it will support from time to time". As Francis Maude pointed out for the Tories in the Commons, it is now more the Government Lottery than the People's Lottery.

Few will dispute the proposed use of the money — extra coaching in basic literacy and numeracy, new opportunities for creative and sporting education, training teachers and librarians in the use of information technology, and a core network of healthy living centres. This is public spending by any definition. Mr Smith's attempt to try to put it into a separate category "additional to core programmes funded through taxation" is nonsense, especially when he added that these initiatives were "to support our priorities of health, education and the environment".

That is only partly Mr Smith's fault. The whole National Lottery has rested on the false concept of additionality. This is the claim that the money raised by the lottery is being spent on projects which would not otherwise be funded by the Treasury. Some spending has probably gone on schemes which would not otherwise have received government money. But it has never been possible to draw a clear line between lottery and normal taxpayer funded programmes. The Treasury has always seen lottery money as a good way of substituting for cutbacks in the main budgets of departments, and there were several arguments of this during the last government.

Mr Smith's proposals take this a stage further. They reflect Gordon Brown's acceptance of the Tories' spending totals for the next two years and Labour's attempt to find new sources of public money for popular sounding and desirable projects. But it would be much better to be straightforward and increase the Treasury's levy from the money raised by Camelot and just parcel out the money through the usual review of public spending.

Camelot has been very good at raising money, and is now expected to raise £10 billon over first seven years, £1 billion more than originally forecast. There are economies of scale in such a national scheme, not just in the computer framework but also in all the promotion. But in so doing the lottery has nationalised decisions on giving to "good causes". The previous competitive market in donations to charitable and voluntary bodies has been undermined and replaced by dependency on committees of the great and the good.

Mr Smith should consider a more competitive structure. There is no reason why Camelot or its successor should have a monopoly after the expiry of the current licence. Why not have a infrastructure company like the National Grid or Railtrack providing the computer network and a number of groups competing on the use of lottery money? You could buy a health, arts or charities ticket or a local one — say, for London hospitals. Rather like buying charity Christmas cards, people would feel they had some say, albeit an indirect one, over the distribution of money. That would be better than yesterday's attempt to find a way round the Treasury's spending controls.

Peter Riddell

Prescott defers decision on M25

By Arthur Leathley
Transport Correspondent

MINISTERS have deferred final decisions on a £1.5 billion road-building programme, including a widening of the M25.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister and Transport Secretary, has delayed an announcement, which had been expected today, on 12 road projects involved a "fast-track" review. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, has intervened before ministers commit themselves to long-term spending.

The intervention has raised hopes among environmental campaigners that ministers might decide to scrap the M25 project, which would be widened to ten and 12 lanes in parts of Surrey. Mr Brown is understood to have pressed for full details of six schemes under which the Government can shift road-building costs onto the private sector but pays a toll based on the volume of traffic. The system, which operates over 30 years, opens the danger of heavy public sector costs if traffic increases markedly.

A decision on the plans is to be delayed until at least the end of this week, and ministers are preparing to defer an announcement on at least one project until next year.

The decision on the M25 widening is seen as critical to the prospects of a fifth terminal being built at Heathrow. Business leaders insist that widening of the motorway is essential to cope with projected traffic levels. However, Chris Fisher, chairman of the campaign group Flame, which opposes the widening, said: "The ten-lane M25 will be as congested in 2010 as eight lanes are now so there is just no sense in the proposals."

The M25 scheme involves the widening from four lanes to six lanes the section between Junctions 12 and 15 near Heathrow, the busiest section of the orbital motorway.

Ministers are almost certain to approve the 27-mile Birmingham Northern Relief Road, which will link the M6 and M42 in Staffordshire, despite past opposition from Labour frontbenchers. Another controversial scheme, the Salisbury bypass in Wiltshire, is expected to be dropped as part of the review.

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Women must walk quietly

Hardline Afghan rulers issue spiritual guide to shoe control

By Christopher Thomas, South Asia Correspondent

TALEBAN, the fundamentalist militia that controls two-thirds of Afghanistan, has ordered women to walk quietly — the latest diktat from the religious police while the battle for control of the country moves into a new and potentially critical phase.

Cracks appearing in the Taleban ranks have done nothing to quell the movement's enthusiasm for rules that have made it the embarrassment, and sometimes the laughing stock, of the Islamic world. The regulations are aimed mostly at women, whose lives and movements are minutely controlled. Even the colour of their socks is regulated; white ones, regarded as comely, are banned.

Despite significant military reverses north of the capital, the militia took the time to issue a proclamation on how women should conduct themselves when outside the home — a rare event in itself, given Taleban's rule that women can only go out with husbands and male relatives.

The religious police, formally known as the Department for Promoting Virtue and Preventing Vice, declared: "Women are duty-bound to behave with dignity, to walk calmly and refrain from hitting their shoes on the ground, which makes noises." In practice the rule is meaningless, given that Kabul women can afford only the cheapest soft sandals. High heels, in any case, are outlawed.

The police said in regulations distributed to international agencies that limiting women's rights to leave their homes was an "Islamic obligation that must be observed by foreign and local institutions". Women should not work except in the medical field.

A woman should never sit next to the driver of an ambulance or other hospital vehicle. "No Afghan woman has the right to be transported in the same car as foreigners," the regulations added.

Kabul's thousands of war widows suffer most from the ban on female employment. Many used to work for foreign aid agencies. New regulations have been sent to hospitals, telling them: "It is forbidden for women to visit male patients in wards where unrelated males are hospitalised. Stylish dress and decoration of women in hospitals is forbidden."

Anti-Taleban forces have moved within rocket range of Kabul for the first time since the capital was captured by the Islamic army ten months ago. Enemy troops captured the strategically important town of Charikar, 40 miles north of the city, on Sunday. It was a ghost town after almost the entire population fled. Taleban denied reports that the nearby Bagram airbase had also been lost. They were reported yesterday to be preparing a counter-offensive against the forces of the opposition alliance north of Kabul.

A spokesman for Ahmed Shah Masood, the Tajik military leader whose forces are close to the capital, said the objective was to force Taleban into negotiations for the installation of a neutral force to take over Kabul and remove all weapons. This would amount to surrender by Taleban, which is determined to enforce its extremist brand of Islam nationwide.

Kabul has come under aircraft attack several times in recent days. Seven people were killed and 12 wounded on Sunday. Such attacks are a warning to Taleban that the capital is vulnerable.

SANTIAGO LYON / AP

Kabul women in traditional burkahs. The veil is one of many obligations Taleban has imposed on females

Car giveaway exposes lie of Indian boom

Without a wealthy middle class, warehouses are having to be cleared, **Christopher Thomas** reports from Dehra Dun

INDIAN industry, beguiled by the illusion of a booming middle class with cash to spare, has embarked on one of the most generous giveaways in industrial history. Hundreds of millions of pounds of goods are being sold for a song, and sometimes not even for that.

Rarely have so many corporations been so taken in by political hyperbole. The Indian economic miracle predicted when reforms began six years ago has not even begun to materialise, for all the ostentatious new wealth held by tight circles of a well-connected, English-speaking minority.

The rich are now fabulously rich: a private helicopter dropping in on a mountain estate in the Himalayan foothills beyond Dehra Dun at the weekend carried an industrialist popping in for a day to check construction work and walk across his lawns, the underground sprinkler system laid by a Japanese firm.

A few miles away, the other India festers in familiar poverty, untouched by the changes that have further enriched the elite. The rich-poor divide carries echoes of neighbouring Pakistan, one of the last feudal cultures, where the middle class barely exists. Most Pakistanis are very rich or very poor, a trend increasingly evident in India.

India's middle class is small and hard-up: the nonsensical but oft-repeated assertion that there are 250 million middle-class Indians brought foreign investors scurrying to sell washing machines, cars, televisions, sound systems and air conditioners. The deluge was furious and futile.

Warehouses are full of goods that not enough people can afford. Huge numbers of cars wait for nonexistent buyers. The stampede of foreign company executives that was expected to reach Delhi and Bombay never came. This has contributed to a substantial fall in the rents of better houses and flats. Rents in Bombay are down as much as 40 per cent.

Companies are offloading their stocks with abandon. The Daewoo Motor Company is handing out 200 new cars to be test-driven, free of charge, for 18 months. Television manufacturers pay well over the market price for old sets exchanged for a new one. People buying a washing machine or refrigerator from Whirlpool Corporation were offered the chance to win a flat or car until rival companies went to court to stop it.

In India a family income of about 15,000 rupees a month (£250) generally defines people as middle class. Such families do not normally own cars, air conditioners or washing machines and do not go away for holidays except to visit family members.

The average annual income of an Indian family is 30,000 rupees, about half of which goes on food and clothes. Foreign corporations rushed into this meagre marketplace with cars costing more than £10,000, almost double the cost of an Indian-made Ambassador or Maruti, which still dominate the market.

Fewer than three million fridges are sold in India every year, a tiny number in a country of 950 million. Most are small and Indian-made, which are cheaper, if poorer quality, than foreign ones. Industrialists now estimate that only 35 million Indians live in homes that can afford a fridge.

Kocheril Raman Narayanan, India's President-elect, whose rags-to-riches story is an inspiration to the poor, low-caste majority, is a lone voice in advising more cautious economic expectations of India. He said this week that the country could achieve economic progress, "but at the moment I can say it is only a mission".

Tehran cashes in on rail short cut to the sea

The Silk Road line is frustrating America by allowing Iran a lucrative share of business from mineral-rich Central Asia. **Frank Gardner** took the train

AT TEHRAN railway station they are loading great blocks of ice on to the Bandar Abbas Express. Already melting in the 100-degree heat, they will be nothing more than tepid pools in buckets by the time the train pulls into Iran's biggest port, 1,000 miles and 24 hours away.

To travel by train from Tehran, at the foot of the snow-capped Elburz Mountains in the north, to the cloying heat of Bandar Abbas on the Gulf coast, is to traverse almost the length and breadth of this vast country. Rattling south, the train passes through deserts, mountains and holy towns such as Qom, where mullahs pace the platform beneath the black flags of Shia mourning.

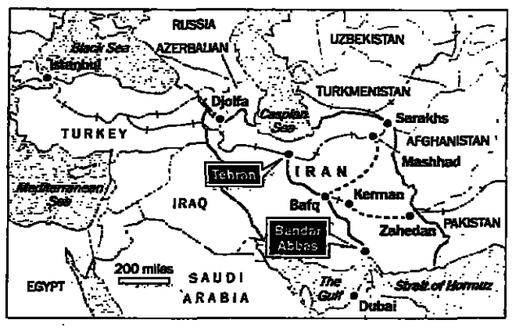
For any passenger it is an awe-inspiring journey, but this scenic route is also the fastest and cheapest way for the products of Central Asia's emerging markets to reach the sea. For the landlocked nations of this region — Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and other Central Asian states — the recently completed Silk Road railway has given access to new ports and markets. The line is a short cut that circumvents Afghanistan's interminable wars, frustrates America's attempt to keep Tehran out of the mineral-rich region, and delivers cargo to the international shipping lane in the Strait of Hormuz.

But all has not gone as smoothly as Iran first hoped. After trumpeting last year's inauguration of the final link-up in the Silk Road railway between Iran and Turkmenistan, cross-border rail trade was a trickle, according to diplomats in Tehran. One reason is that Iran does not share its neighbours' rail gauge. Cranes have had to be installed to transfer cargoes and an elaborate bogie-changing operation has been set up on the Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan borders.

Iran says the problem is solved and up to 200 bogies can be changed every 24 hours. Sayyid Ali Estiri, the director of Bandar Abbas port, says foreign transit trade through the Shahid Rajai container terminal has grown from 200,000 tonnes in 1994 to 1.5 million tonnes this year.

From Central Asia come primary goods such as cotton and oil, while from Dubai and Iran's duty-free islands come consumer goods such as cars and fridges, always in short supply in this country of 65 million people. "We believe trade is like a river," said Mr Estiri. "It finds the shortest route, and in this case it flows through Iran to the sea."

Despite Iran's massive, if sometimes troubled, trade with Germany and the West's optimism that Muhammad Khatami, the President-elect, will usher in a new era of better relations, Iran is looking east. Starved of foreign investment, it is concentrating its resources in building an infrastructure that will make its railways indispensable to its Central Asian neighbours.



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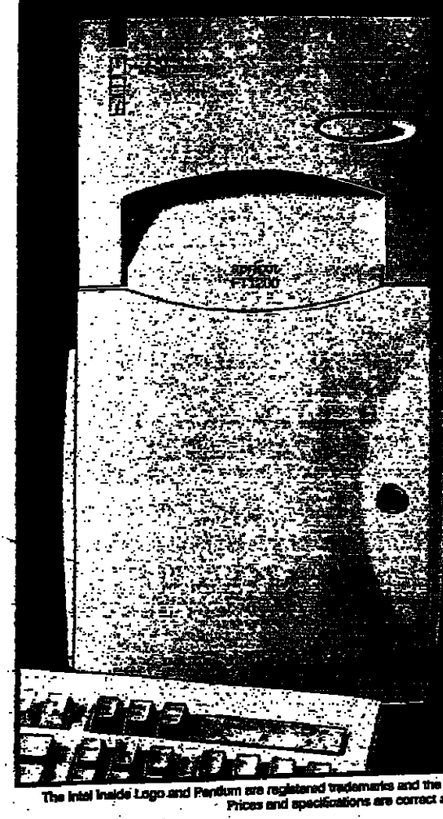

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Dead bird clue links Mafia with Versace killing

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A WEEK after the murder of Gianni Versace, Florida police are finally investigating whether the Italian designer's murder may be linked to the Mafia.

Although Andrew Cunanan, a gay gigolo and alleged spree killer, remains the prime suspect, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement yesterday widened its investigation to consider the possibility that gangland bosses had ordered the murder.

A special police task force was last night interviewing Frank Monte, a private investigator hired last year by Versace who claims the fashion guru was murdered by a professional killer.

Versace was shot on the steps of his ornate Italianate palazzo in Miami's South Beach last week.

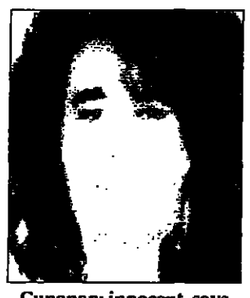
The two shots to the back of the head bore all the hallmarks of a Mafia execution, as did the dead bird federal agents discovered next to his body.

Songbirds are traditionally used as a signature in contract killings to represent the death of those who have talked too much. At the time, it was reported that his killer had shouted to Versace in Italian.

"If you shoot a guy in the back of the head and you leave a dead bird on the ground, you are trying to leave a message," Mr Monte said yesterday. "As far as I am concerned, this was a professional hit ordered by organised criminals. If I could contact Cunanan I would tell him to ring me because I think he is innocent."

Mr Monte, a private security consultant in New York, was recruited to investigate the murder of a former boyfriend of an alleged lover of Versace. At the time, Mr Monte said, Versace had confided his fears about the hand of organised crime at work inside the fashion empire.

"We had this conversation in which he said he was anxious about problems inside the business. He was worried about coming clean," said Mr Monte, who says he is convinced Versace was killed because he had threatened to blow the whistle on alleged laundering of drug profits through his boutiques.



Cunanan: innocent, says security consultant

Police had called Mr Monte last week after discovering some of his brochures inside the Versace mansion. Seemingly certain that Cunanan had committed the crime, however, they had failed to follow up the lead.

The Versace business was caught up in Italy's *Mani Pulite* — Clean Hands — crackdown on corruption in the early 1990s and Santo Versace, Gianni's brother and business partner, was convicted in May of bribing tax inspectors.

An FBI agent has been sent to Sao Paulo to interview a Brazilian woman who claims she has photographs and video footage that prove Cunanan attended a party at the Versace mansion in South Beach two nights before the murder.

But Mr Monte remains unconvinced. "Cunanan was around in Miami for maybe two months. I think it is pure coincidence and the evidence does not stack up," he said. "My real concern is that someone will get to Cunanan before he can talk."

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Elusive suspect spreads fear like a virus

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK'S police are on "red alert" as fears grow among the city's homosexuals that Andrew Cunanan, wanted for the murder of Gianni Versace, may be heading for a hiding place in the city.

Howard Safir, the police commissioner, has sought to douse the panic by doubling the presence of uniformed officers in the gay quarters of Chelsea and Greenwich Village.

Rudolph Giuliani, the Mayor, has already expressed New York's "commitment" to Cunanan's capture by adding $10,000 (£5,800) to the federal bounty on his head.

New York has been high on the FBI's list of potential hideouts for Cunanan, ever since an entry was discovered by investigators in his diary as they searched his San Diego home in early May, days after the murder of David Madson, his second victim. Cunanan wrote: "If I need to get lost, it's going to be in New York."

The words, widely publicised here, have chilled the city's thriving homosexual scene.

Some say that Cunanan has been "the worst thing to happen to America's gays since Aids started".

WARNER BROTHERS

President Clinton appears on television in the background of a scene with Jodie Foster in the new film *Contact*

Clinton alienated by cameo role

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

PRESIDENT Clinton has appeared in America's latest science fiction blockbuster in a bit part that his lawyer says was unauthorised, manipulative and a violation of White House policy.

Extensive footage of the President commenting on last year's discovery of what looked like miscroscopic life forms in a Martian rock appears in *Contact*, a film in which an alien civilisation beams plans for an intergalactic spaceship to Earth. By inserting the footage into his film, which stars Jodie Foster, the director Robert Zemeckis has made Mr Clinton appear to endorse the idea of extraterrestrial intelligence and has earned a tirade from presidential counsel Charles Ruff.

"You have manipulated images of the President's public statements, taken them out of the context in which they were uttered and adapted them to fit the plot of your film," he told Warner Brothers.

Mr Zemeckis used similar tricks with images of Presidents Kennedy and Nixon in *Forrest Gump*.

Warner Brothers points out that no law was broken and no ultimatum given by Mr Ruff. The White House was shown the film's script in advance and sent a preview copy of the finished product, a spokesman said. "We have been completely frank and upfront with the White House on this issue."

Mike McCurry, the chief press spokesman for Mr Clinton, admitted that the White House move was meant as a warning shot to studios to steer clear of unauthorised use of the President's image.

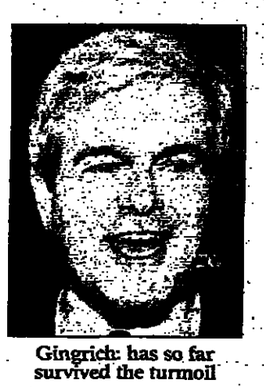
Republican plotters erode Gingrich's hold on power

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

NEWT GINGRICH'S hold on power remained precarious yesterday with the bitterly fractured Republican majority in Congress threatening to give him only a brief opportunity as House Speaker to make changes before another attempt is made to oust him.

Yesterday Bill Paxon, sacked last week from a senior party post when he was implicated in a failed bid to dethrone Mr Gringrich, continued to deny that he was actively seeking the Speaker's post. But Joe Scarborough, of Florida, together with other "renegades" accused of plotting against Mr Gingrich, are loudly championing Mr Paxon's cause, calling him "a winner".

So far Mr Gingrich has survived the turmoil and intrigue now gripping House Republicans: his supporters say the rebels "shot at the king and missed". But many House Republicans agree with David McIntosh, of Indiana, that "Newt may be stronger in the short term but nothing has happened to remove the underlying problems."



Gingrich: has so far survived the turmoil

Mr Gingrich's faults were evident even after the 1994 mid-term elections, which swept the cavalry of his "Republican revolution" into Congress. He is exuberantly undisciplined and fond of making policy on the hoof.

His worst mistake was shutting down the Government in early 1995, giving Republicans the image of heartless extremists. His attempt to use party funds to pay a $300,000 (£180,000) ethics fine lost him more friends. He lost public support last month by holding up a flood aid Bill and risks doing it again in threatening to stall the popular tobacco settlement. Many House Republicans now fear that he will jeopardise their chances in next year's mid-term elections.

In contrast, Mr Paxon is a calm, mature antidote. Mr Gingrich hopes that by forcing Mr Paxon to resign as "chairman of the leadership meetings", he has quashed the rebellion. But like many revolutionary leaders, he may find that he has created a martyr and strengthened a rival.

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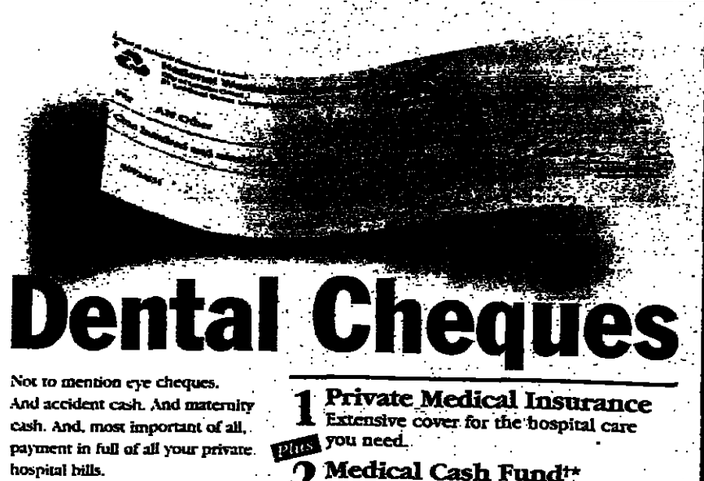

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Tourists caught in Canada's fishing dispute

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

Defying a court order, angry Canadian fishermen yesterday maintained their blockade of an Alaska ferry as tensions rose between the US and Canada over salmon fishing.

About 150 Canadian fishing boats surrounded the ferry *Malaspina* for the third day in the harbour at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, 1,000 miles north of Vancouver. About 142 passengers were on the ferry.

"The ferry is still under blockade. We're hopeful it will be able to go soon, but we just don't know," said an official with the ferry line.

The Canadians are furious over alleged over-fishing by American boats.

"If we tried to get out of here we'd kill somebody," the ship's captain, Karl Shoeppe, told the *Anchorage Daily News*. "We're caught in the cross-fire. Nobody's happy."

The blockade of the *Malaspina* has prompted a flurry of diplomatic activity in Ottawa and Washington, where Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, has so far rejected demands that American boats stop fishing for salmon heading for Canadian spawning grounds.

Four Canadian trawlers failed to stop the *Malaspina* docking in Prince Rupert on Saturday, but word of a blockade spread so rapidly through British Columbia's salmon fleet that by the time the ferry had taken on its new northbound passengers and cars, 150 fishing boats had encircled it. Dozens more steamed north to Prince Rupert over the weekend, some from as far south as Vancouver.

The action came after an admission last Friday by Nicholas Burns, the US State Department spokesman, that Alaskan vessels had landed more than three times their quota of 120,000 sockeye salmon so far this season.

The fish are taken from international waters off the rugged British Columbian coast, but spawn in the upper reaches of Canadian rivers, where local fishermen and conservationists say stocks have been depleted as fewer and fewer salmon get through the nets to make their annual upstream swim to breed.

Tony Knowles, Alaska's Governor, has taken tough unilateral action against his Canadian neighbours, suspending the passenger ferry services that are Prince Rupert's lifeline, and seeking an immediate injunction in a Canadian federal court that would order an end to the blockade.

"We will not tolerate Alaskan citizens or property being used as pawns by a foreign government," he said. In a letter to Ms Albright he added that the blockade was "tantamount to blocking a major interstate highway".

The injunction sought by the Governor was duly issued on Sunday and handed to the captains of Canadian ships in the blockade by officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. However, a spokesman said yesterday they had no immediate plans to enforce it.

The Canadian fleet is demanding an increased salmon quota for its own members, the resumption of stalled intergovernment salmon talks and a guarantee that it will not be held liable for damages arising from the blockade.

David Anderson, the Canadian Fisheries Minister, was due to arrive in Prince Rupert last night with the daunting task of restarting the local industry and international traffic in a port where one has successfully hijacked the other.

The *Malaspina*'s passengers have been free to leave the ship since the blockade began but few have anywhere to go.

Canadian fishermen also blocked an Alaska ferry at Prince Rupert in 1995. Some state leaders have said Alaska should stop sending ferries into Canada and find another, less risky port connected to the highway system.

Prince Rupert is the northernmost port in Western Canada; Ketchikan, at the tip of south-east Alaska, is a short distance to the north.

Ferries are vital transportation links because the region is made up of a vast string of islands and inlets.

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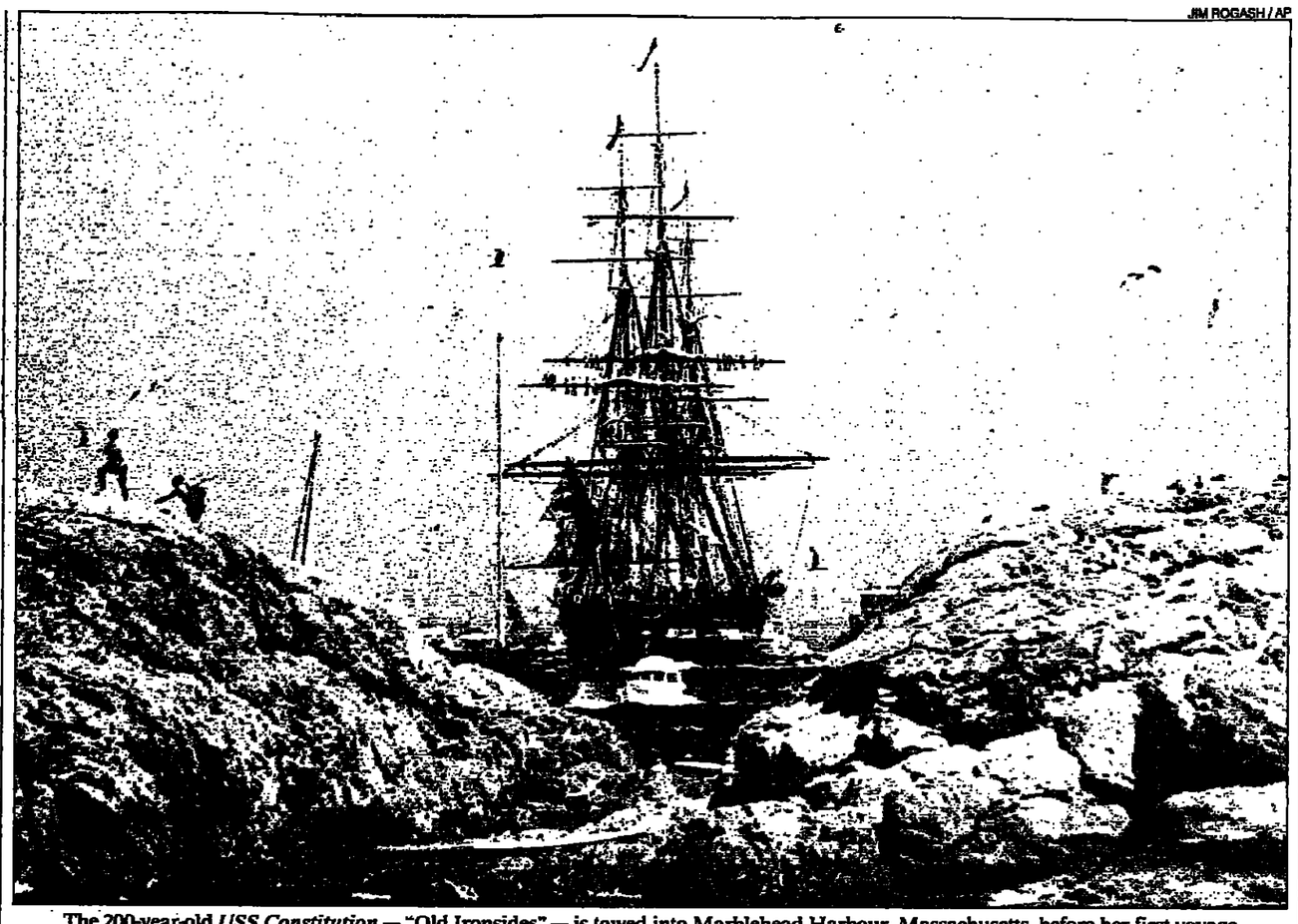

The 200-year-old *USS Constitution* — "Old Ironsides" — is towed into Marblehead Harbour, Massachusetts, before her first voyage under her own sails in 116 years. The ship, which defended America against the British in 1812, was undefeated in 30 engagements

Tempers flare over flood control 'blunders'

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

GERMAN, Polish and Czech authorities started blaming one another last night for a sudden rise in water levels, threatening a resurgence of the flooding that has already claimed nearly 100 lives and caused financial ruin for thousands of farmers.

Tempers are fraying on both sides of the Oder and Neisse rivers, which divide the state of Brandenburg from its eastern neighbours, with meteorologists warning there is no immediate end in sight to the wet weather.

Germany criticised Poland for failing to notify rescue workers in Frankfurt an der Oder, Brandenburg's largest border town, of a decision to empty rainwater reservoirs into the river, causing a surge in levels. Poland accused the Czech Republic of the same recklessness when volunteers opened a flood gate in the Neisse, swelling banks further along the river.

Meanwhile, more than 20,000 German residents living in the Oderbruch, a low-lying area where the two rivers meet, are standing by to be evacuated if the defences are breached. Water had reached record levels but recede to about 20ft last night. Emergency workers fought to repair leaks in river defences and Matthias Platzeck, the Brandenburg environment minister, said evacuations might still be necessary.

Water levels are not expected to drop for at least two weeks and the consequences of the flooding, which has also hit Austria, will be felt for a long time. Hundreds of farmers in the north German state of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania responded to an appeal to help Polish and Czech colleagues who have lost everything. A fund has been set up for farmers to donate money and many have volunteered to help with the autumn seed-sowing, offering to replace machinery and tools.

Destitute veterans threaten Mugabe with war

FROM MICHAEL HARTNACK IN HARARE

CHANTING "*Hondo, hondo*" (war, war), 500 guerrilla veterans of the war to overthrow white rule in Rhodesia yesterday besieged the office of President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, demanding resumption of disability benefits.

Payments from a £24 million fund were frozen in March when newspapers reported that prominent individuals, some of whom never fired a shot in the war, had obtained payments of up to £50,000 with bogus 95 per cent war injury claims.

Mr Mugabe was not at his office yesterday and ministers kept well away to avoid a repetition of Sunday's humiliating scenes when three of them had to flee from an angry confrontation here.

"Do not give us any reason to form Banyamulenge," shouted one destitute former guerrilla, referring to the rebels who overthrew Mobutu Sese Seko, the former Zairean ruler. "You politicians are thieves, you stole our money after all we did for you," a veterans' spokesman, "Bigboy" Ndlovu, told Dumiso Dabengwa, the Home Affairs Minister, at a stormy meeting in Bulawayo.

Mr Mugabe last night unnounced the appointment of an 11-member commission of inquiry to examine the abuse of the payments system and make recommendations.

Each guerrilla is demanding an unconditional £25,000 lump sum. The Government is promising £50-a-month pensions.

WORLD SUMMARY

Moscow fire kills Briton

Moscow: Alex McIntosh, 47, a British businessman, was found dead yesterday in a blazing Moscow flat (Robin Lodge writes): Russian police suspect he was a victim of an arson attack.

The British Embassy said he worked for the British construction firm Oscar Faber and had lived here since October. While members of the Russian business community have been targets of gangs, there have been few attacks against foreigners.

Airport theft suspect shot

Geneva: A 19-year-old asylum seeker from Serbia's Kosovo province was fatally wounded by a policeman at Geneva airport after a briefcase with thousands of dollars was snatched from a passenger. A police spokesman said the officer shot the man when he appeared to point a black object after he and two companions were seen with the case. The injured man died in hospital and the other two ran away with the money. *(Reuter)*

Army halts exam cheats

Phnom Penh: Cambodian troops armed with assault rifles cordoned off secondary schools in the capital to prevent cheating at exams. The tight security, aimed at preventing people throwing answers, wrapped around stones, to students inside classrooms, disrupted pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Cheating at exams is a big problem in the country. *(AFP)*

Fiesta spree for refugees

Miami: Six Cuban refugees were plucked from a raft in the Florida Straits by a luxury cruise ship and given money, gifts and medicine by partying Cuban Americans, the US Coast Guard said. *(Reuter)*

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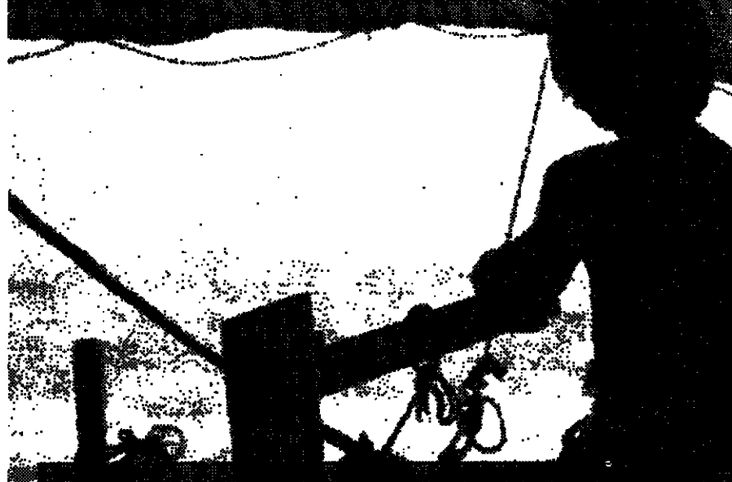

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Jospin imposes euro tax on big business

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANCE'S Socialist-led Government yesterday slapped a "euro-tax" on big business and announced defence cuts aimed at reducing the public deficit sufficiently to join the single European currency.

A public audit commissioned by the Government showed that the deficit for 1997, the crucial qualifying year for economic and monetary union (EMU), was likely to be between 3.5 and 3.7 per cent of gross domestic product, well above the 3 per cent limit demanded under the Maastricht treaty.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the Finance Minister, said that France would still qualify for EMU by shaving Fr32 billion (£3.2 billion) off the deficit, with Fr22 billion in additional taxes on corporate profits and Fr10 billion in spending cuts.

The measures announced yesterday "concern 0.4 per cent of GDP" and would allow France to join EMU "in the same condition as its partners", M Strauss-Kahn said.

While the new budget plans concede an eventual overshoot of the 3 per cent target this year, the Government is hoping that a 1997 deficit of around 3.2 per cent will still be enough to ensure admission to EMU in the first round, given Germany's problems with the strict 3 per cent target. "Less would have been insufficient, more would have hindered economic growth," M Strauss-Kahn said. France would achieve the 3 per cent figure by the end of 1998, he added. Germany reacted positively. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, said that France was doing its best to meet the Maastricht criteria. The French stock market was less enthusiastic, however, dropping more than one percentage point immediately. The Socialists made an election campaign pledge not to impose a fresh bout of austerity in the drive to EMU. At the last minute, Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister, retreated from plans to increase taxes on the wealthy. A move to reverse a 6 per cent income-tax cut for high-earners brought in by the last administration was abandoned as "too complicated".

Instead, the principal burden will fall on big business. Outlining a 15 per cent surcharge in company tax (falling to 10 per cent after 1998) and a sharp rise in long-term corporate capital-gains tax, M Strauss-Kahn argued that corporate profits were at record levels, thanks partly to a range of tax breaks and subsidies. The rise takes the tax rate on corporate profits to 41.6 per cent.

Small, medium-sized and loss-making companies are excluded from the new levy, which will affect only the richest 20 per cent of French corporations with annual turnovers of more than Fr50 million. The Government argued that big businesses would be the first to benefit from a single currency.

The Defence Ministry will bear the brunt of spending cuts, with a Fr2 billion drop in defence investment, out of a total of Fr10 billion in planned savings. M Strauss-Kahn said that big defence programmes would not be affected this year.

Herr Waigel said the measures should be followed by structural reforms but emphasised that they were concrete moves rather than "creative accounting". He added that he had received assurances from M Strauss-Kahn that France would meet the EMU deficit target next year.

The measures will be debated in the Paris parliament in September, but the centre-right oppostion lost no time in attacking the plan, insisting that by taxing profits instead of imposing spending cuts the Socialists were ignoring economic realities. "You can't be part of the euro game by swimming against the European tide," Alain Madelin, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, said. He argued: "Throughout the world, liberal policies promote growth and employment by cuts in state spending, lower taxes and privatisations."

There were also voices of dissent from within Socialist ranks. Julien Dray, leader of the Socialist Left group, said: "Making companies pay up is dangerous ... tomorrow, when we try to attack the objective of boosting consumption by raising salaries, businesses will turn round and say they are not milk cows."

> The measures will enable France to join the single currency in the same condition as its European partners

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PAUL BARKER / REUTER

The eyes have it: New Korea Party delegates doze as President Kim Young Sam speaks in Seoul yesterday. Lee Hoi Chang was elected presidential candidate

Eta trio jailed for plot to kill King

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

THREE members of Eta, the Basque separatist group, were jailed yesterday for attempting to kill King Juan Carlos of Spain. Juan José Rego, his son Iñaki Rego and Jorge Garcia were found guilty of plotting to kill the King with a marksman's rifle while he was holidaying in Majorca in August 1995.

As the verdict was announced, two grenades exploded near a police station in the northern city of Oviedo, injuring one person, in what authorities believe was the first attack by Basque separatist guerrillas since they killed Miguel Ángel Blanco, a town councillor, a week ago.

The three men were found guilty of terrorism and crimes against the Crown and were all sentenced to 109 years in prison. The judge said that they had the King in their sights on three different occasions but did not fire because they did not have their escape route prepared.

Eta's leaders had ordered the three men to shoot King Juan Carlos first and then to attempt to murder the heir to the throne, Crown Prince Felipe, the court was told.

The judgment raised questions about the security arrangements surrounding the King. Police had tracked the Eta team from France and knew they were planning to kill the monarch.

They had originally denied the gang's claim that they could have killed him on three separate occasions. Police finally arrested them just three days before they were due to carry out the attack after a French police tip-off.

☐ **Cell hanging:** Juan Carlos Hernando, 35, an Eta convict, was found hanged in his jail cell in Albacete, central Spain, in an apparent suicide, the Interior Ministry said last night. *(Reuter)*

French astronaut quits Mir repair mission

Michael Foale, left, with the two cosmonauts on Mir

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN space officials confirmed yesterday that repairs to the damaged Mir space station would be delayed until the arrival of a replacement Russian crew next month, and that a planned mission by a French astronaut would be postponed.

Leopold Eyharts was due to have blasted off with two Russians, Anatoli Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov, from Baikonur in Kazakhstan on August 5 for a three-week mission on board Mir. But officials from the French space agency earlier expressed concern that a shortage of power as a result of the collision on June 25 between Mir and an unmanned cargo craft, would mean that M Eyharts would be unable to carry out his experiments.

Repairs were delayed last week after Vasili Tsibliyev, Mir's flight commander, developed health problems. Russian and Nasa officials considered that his place on the repair mission might be taken by Michael Foale, the British-born Nasa scientist. Yesterday, the Russians decided to delay the work until the arrival of the new crew.

"This crew has already been under a lot of pressure in extreme situations," said Igor Goncharov, deputy flight controller at Mission Control in Korolyov, outside Moscow. "So the decision was taken that the spacewalk will be carried out by the next crew."

Officials added that leaving M Eyharts behind would enable the new crew to carry more equipment with them for carrying out the repairs. They will make two spacewalks to assess and repair the damage.

Officials had already planned one mission — a so-called "internal spacewalk" into the ruptured Spektr module — to re-attach power cables. The second will try to pinpoint a hole in Spektr's wall. The crew will "walk around, stamp their feet, and see where exactly we have got the depressurisation," Vladimir Solovyov, Mission Control chief, said.

Russian officials said the next US Shuttle mission to Mir would go ahead as planned in September. Nasa astronaut, Wendy Lawrence, 37, who is in training at Russia's Star City, is due to replace Mr Foale.

☐ **Los Angeles:** Communications between Mars Pathfinder and Nasa were restored yesterday, enabling scientists to begin receiving data from the Red Planet for the first time in two days. *(AP)*

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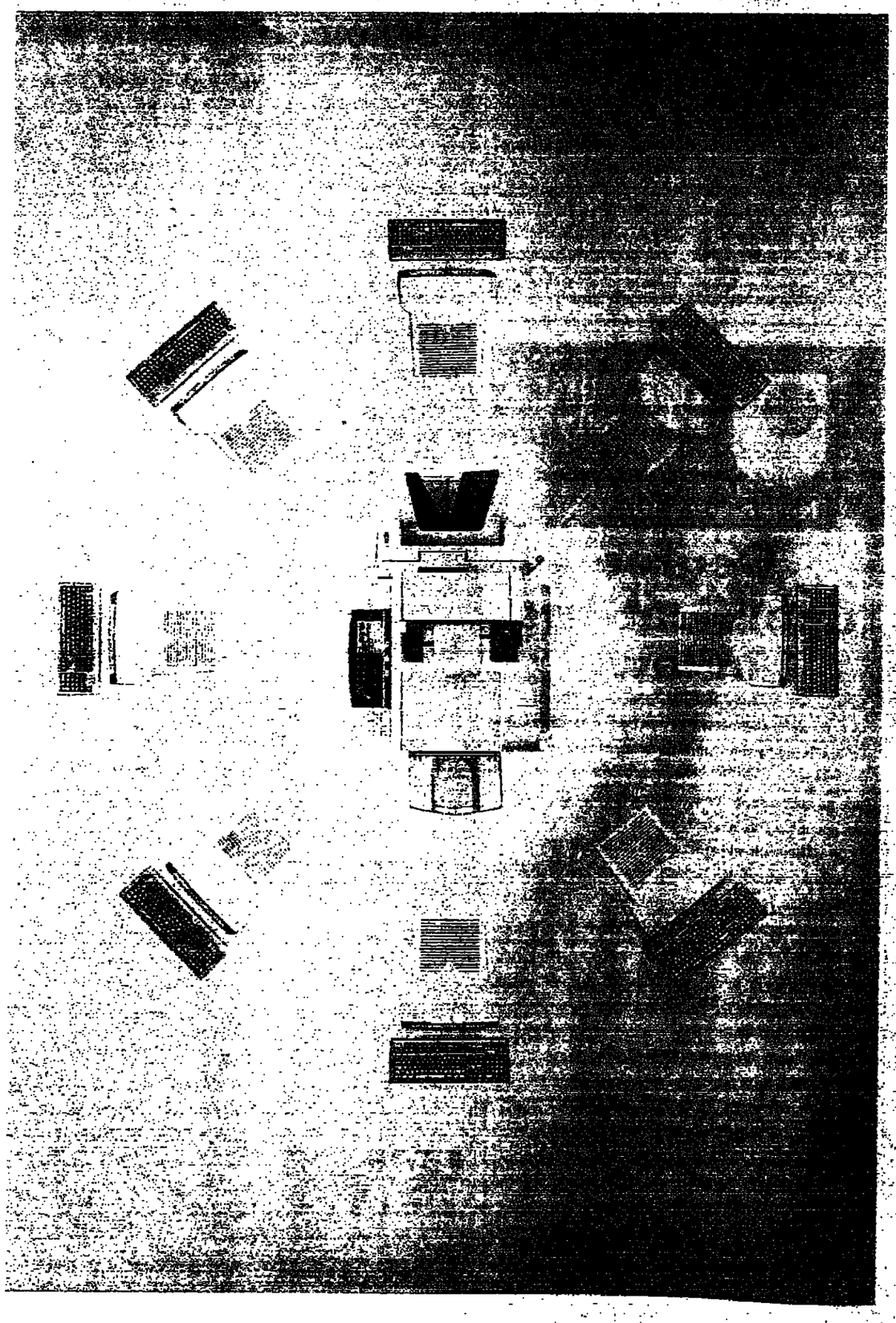

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Hamas bomb factory uncovered

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

YASSIR ARAFAT'S Palestinian police yesterday revealed details of what was claimed as "the largest Hamas factory of explosive devices" ever uncovered, found in an apartment building close to the self-rule Arab town of Bethlehem.

The haul, whose size and deadly potential has underlined the seriousness of the uneasy security situation, included nine huge explosive devices ready for use and pieces of clothing and uniform intended to disguise the would-be bombers as Jews. According to the Palestinian police, who have been under pressure from Israel to crack down on Islamic militants vowing a new campaign of revenge against posters depicting Prophet Muhammad as a pig, the bomb factory contained Jewish religious prayer shawls and skull caps, wigs and Israeli army uniforms.

Palestine Liberation Organisation officials and Israeli security chiefs claim that suicide bombers brainwashed by Hamas and Islamic Jihad often pose as religious Jews or Israeli soldiers to get closer to their unsuspecting Jewish quarry before detonating devices designed to cause maximum carnage. Recently, Israeli-style disguises have also been used when Palestinian groups were mounting kidnapping exercises. Israeli soldiers or civilians are lured into Israeli-registered cars which they think are being driven by Jews.

"The stuff that is ready to be used is 30kg, but we found many other raw materials and equipment," Colonel Kamal al-Sheikh, the Bethlehem area police chief, said. He linked the discovery on Sunday to Issa Khalil Shouka, 41, a leading Hamas activist, who was killed last week in the same area of the West Bank when a bomb he was making blew up in his hands.

"We found in an apartment building in Beit Sahour [near Bethlehem] a store of explosives and raw material and equipment to make explosives. We believe they belong to Hamas," the colonel said. "We found live TNT, hydrogen, chemicals, acids, timers and watches as well. Only experts can prepare these explosives. They are similar to the ones we found after Shouka blew himself up."

Commenting on the find, welcomed by Israeli officials, the Tel Aviv daily *Yediot Aharonot* said: "The temporary respite from terrorist attacks has given the illusion that Hamas has deserted the path of terror. However, the big laboratory full of explosives uncovered by Palestinian Intelligence yesterday, and the arrest of hundreds of Hamas activists in the last few months, testify that without preventive intelligence, terror would be rampant." The last suicide bombing was in April when three Israeli women were killed, as well as the bomber who blew up a crowded café in Tel Aviv.

☐ **Gaza:** A committee appointed by Mr Arafat to investigate corruption recommended that he put his house in order and that some senior officials be put on trial. Tayeb Abdel-Rahim, head of the committee, said that Mr Arafat promised to take "immediate, firm action". *(Reuter)*

GREG MARINOVICH / AP

A Palestinian police officer examines explosives, a skullcap and wigs that were found in a flat near Bethlehem

Scholars dispute ownership of Dead Sea Scrolls

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE opening of the largest academic conference on the Dead Sea Scrolls, called to mark the discovery 50 years ago, was marred by a Israeli-Palestinian dispute over ownership of the documents.

As 350 participants from 25 countries gathered at the Israel Museum to hear 120 lectures on the scrolls, Amir Drori, head of the Israel Antiquities Authority, said that the Jewish state would keep the 2,000-year-old documents because they were legally inherited and an inseparable part of Jewish tradition. His Palestinian counterpart, Hamdan Taha, responded that Israel's capture of the works in the 1967 Six Day War was theft "which should be rectified now".

Between 1947 and 1956, 800 scrolls were found in 11 caves in the hills above Qumran. The works, in Hebrew, Aramaic — the language of Jesus — and Greek, include Old Testament texts and psalms.

Israel purchased some of the parchments soon after they were unearthed by a Bedu shepherd. These are kept at the Israel Museum in Jewish west Jerusalem. Others were acquired in 1967 when Israel captured east Jerusalem, where the Rockefeller Museum, which houses many of the scrolls, is located.

At a news conference starting the week-long gathering, Mr Drori said: "The bottom line is that . . . no one is going to take them away from us."

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, said that the scrolls "the greatest archaeological discovery of all time . . . remind the world of the depth and quality of Jewish roots in this country".

Mr Taha, head of the Palestinian Archaeology Department, argued that ownership of the scrolls should be determined by where they were found. He urged international scholars not to co-operate with Israel in studying the scrolls.

The issue is part of final status talks on an overall Israeli-Palestinian settlement, but these have been stalled since Mr Netanyahu was elected.

Harvard opposes sponsor's choice of Holocaust don

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

AN INDIGNANT mutiny has broken out at Harvard University over attempts by a benefactor to impose a anti-German candidate as the holder of a new chair of Holocaust studies.

The Helen Zelaznik Professorship for Holocaust and Cognate Studies was set up three years ago with a donation of $3.2 million (£1.9 million) from Ken Lipper, a Harvard alumnus and one of the university's most generous donors.

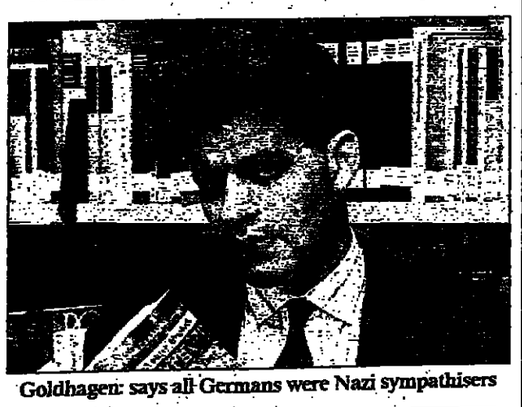
Since Mr Lipper, a former Deputy Mayor of New York, has given $8 million to Harvard to date, his views carry a great deal of weight with the university. Yet academics now accuse him of trying to bector the selection committee into choosing his preferred candidate, the controversial Daniel Goldhagen, author of a recent book that described all ordinary Germans as "Hitler's willing executioners".

Academics are also angry that Mr Lipper is blocking the candidacy of Saul Friedlander, who currently holds the chair in Holocaust studies at the University of Califonia at Los Angeles. Dr Friedlander, whose *Nazi Germany and the Jews* is a seminal account of the Jewish plight under Hitler, is widely regarded as the "father of Holocaust studies". His scholarship on the Holocaust, and his views of the Germans themselves, are more temperate by far than those of Dr Goldhagen.

To make matters worse, open feuding has broken out between the candidates themselves. Dr Goldhagen, who is an associate professor of government at Harvard, has accused his rivals of academic pussyfooting for pooh-poohing his thesis that all Germans were Nazi sympathisers. He even accuses one of them, Christopher Browning, a professor at the Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, of turning his back on important historical evidence.

Dr Browning, who believes that he has been ruled out as a candidate because he is not Jewish, recently hit back in the pages of *The New Republic*, saying that Dr Goldhagen had sunk to a "new low". Since a third candidate, Omer Bartov, of Rutgers University, has also laid into the latter in print, it is clear that Harvard would alienate virtually the entire Holocaust studies fraternity if it were to elect Dr Goldhagen to the post.

The waters have been muddied still further by disagreements within Harvard University's faculty over the way in which the Holocaust should be studied. Ruth Wisse, a professor of Near Eastern language and civilisation, has questioned the whole notion of a chair in Holocaust studies. "It's a strange idea," she told *The New York Times* recently. "Is there a chair in Communism? You don't have a chair in modern Jewish history, but you have one on the destruction of the Jewish people."



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'Rain gave me the gift of the world'

In Part Two of *On Sight and Insight* – the diary of a blind man – **John Hull** describes how the sound of falling rain gives him a sense of perspective, an idea of how one part of the world relates to another and how that world speaks to him

SEPTEMBER 9, 1983

This evening, at about nine o'clock, I was getting ready to leave the house. I opened the front door and rain was falling. I stood for a few minutes, lost in the beauty of it. Rain has a way of bringing out the contours of everything: it throws a coloured blanket over previously invisible things: instead of an intermittent and thus fragmented world, the steadily falling rain creates continuity of acoustic experience.

I hear the rain pattering on the roof above me, dripping down the wall to my left and right, splashing from the drainpipe at ground level on my left, while further over to the left there is a lighter patch as the rain falls almost inaudibly upon a large, leafy shrub. On the right, it is drumming, with a deeper, steadier sound upon the lawn. I can even make out the contours of the lawn, which rises to the right in a little hill.

The sound of the rain is different and shapes out the curvature for me. Still further to the right, I hear the rain sounding upon the fence, which divides our property from that next door. In front, the contours of the path and the steps are marked out, right down to the garden gate. Here the rain is striking the concrete, here it is splashing into the shallow pools that have already formed. Here and there is a light cascade as it drips from step to step. The sound on the path is quite different from the sound of the rain drumming into the lawn on the right, and this is different again from the blanketed, heavy, sodden feel of the large bush on the left. Further out, the sounds are less detailed. I can hear the rain falling on the road and the swish of the cars that pass up and down. I can hear the rushing of the water in the flooded gutter on the edge of the road.

The whole scene is much more differentiated than I have been able to describe, because everywhere are little breaks in the patterns, obstructions, projections, where some slight interruption or difference of texture or of an echo gives an additional detail or dimension to the scene. Over the whole thing, like light falling upon a landscape, is the gentle background patter gathered up into one continuous murmur of rain.

I think that this experience of opening the door on a rainy garden must be similar to that which a sighted person feels when opening the curtains and seeing the world outside. Usually, when I open my front door, there are various broken sounds spread across a nothingness. I know that when I take the next step I will encounter the path, and that to the right my shoe will meet the lawn.

As I walk down the path, my head will be brushed by fronds of the overhanging shrub on the left and I will then come to the steps, the front gate, the footpath, the culvert and the road. I know all these things are there but I know them from memory. They give no immediate evidence of their presence. I know them in the form of prediction. They will be what I will be experiencing in the next few seconds. The rain gives a sense of persepective and of the actual relationships of one part of the world to another.

If only rain could fall inside a room, it would help me to understand where things are in that room, to give a sense of being in the room, instead of just sitting on a chair.

This is an experience of great beauty. I feel as if the world, which is veiled until I touch it, has suddenly disclosed itself to me. I feel that the rain is gracious, that it has granted a gift to me, the gift of the world. I am no longer isolated, preoccupied with my thoughts, concentrating upon what I must do next. Instead of having to worry about where my body will be and what it will meet, I am presented with a totality, a world which speaks to me.

Have I grasped why it is so beautiful? When what there is to know is in itself varied, intricate and harmonious, then the knowledge of that reality shares the same characteristics. I am filled internally with a sense of variety, intricacy and harmony. The knowledge itself is beautiful, because the knowledge creates in me a mirror of what there is to know. As I listen to the rain, I am the image of the rain, and I am one with it.

NEWSTEAM

Marilyn and John Hull with their children

FEBRUARY 3, 1985

I seem to be all right as long as I take the initiative. A few weeks ago, Thomas and I had a splendid time playing with his new construction set. A primitive, childlike sort of thing, it was quite easy for a blind person to handle. It was by far the best playtime I have ever had with him. I was doing something, and we were doing it together. Most of the time, I am merely present while things are being done.

Today was rather different. During the morning, a little boy came to play with Thomas and Lizzie. This situation is always rather difficult, because I never know exactly what they are doing. I miss the reactions and the interactions. Waves of sleep passed over me and in the end I went upstairs to lie down. I rallied for lunch, but afterwards Thomas asked me to play with a clown mobile a friend had brought. I had a sinking feeling that this would be very difficult, but I badly wanted to try.

During this time, spasms rather than waves of sleep were flicking through my brain. While playing with the mobile, I felt the way you do when you have just had the anaesthetic before an operation. This must be a protection against an unbearable situation. I hear the children and everyone else whooping with delight, making comments, and it is as if the knowledge which I do have mocks the knowledge which I don't have, while the poignancy of that contrast makes me want to have no more knowledge at all.

In these situations I don't, however, feel at all tearful, and I am not aware of anger, self-pity or pathos. It is rather as if an intention has taken the place of a feeling. The intention is to withdraw. I seek refuge in sleep, or sleep seeks to inhabit me.

SUPER STOCK

"Rain has a way of bringing out the contours of everything; it throws a coloured blanket over previously invisible things"

MAY 7, 1985

Yesterday I went out with Imogen for lunch. During the meal, I began to feel strangely remote. The waiters would not address any remark to me, and I found it easiest to pass on my requests for service through her to the waiters. I should not have allowed that to happen, because it made me feel more remote. The fact that I was sitting not next to Imogen but opposite her also added to the feeling that she was not really there, and led me deeper into a sense of abstraction and isolation.

When we arrived home I did not feel sleepy but had a desire to lie down under a blanket. I wanted to be warm and to forget. Experiences like this have taught me that the deepest feelings go beyond feeling. One is numbed by the feeling; one does not experience the feeling. I recognise now, looking back, that I was in the grip of a profound melancholy due to the impoverishment of my rich relationship with a much-loved child, but at the time all I was conscious of was a desire to escape.

JUNE 17, 1985

A few nights ago, I attended the annual meeting of an association for the blind. This was the first time that I had been into a meeting attended by other blind people. It was curious and in a strange way rather comforting to find myself in a situation where the little habits that characterise the response of blind people to the world were accepted by a social group. People were simply shouting out the names of those they wanted to speak with, and in reply, you forced your way towards whoever was shouting your name.

I was told by older blind men that the time of adjustment grew longer in direct proportion to your age. For somebody of my age, I should consider five years quite a short time, and was assured that it would probably take me 10 or 15 years to make a full adjustment.

JULY 4, 1985

It is now many months since I began to appreciate the illumination and sense of real knowledge that comes through touch. I am developing the art of gazing with my hands. I like to hold and rehold and go on holding a beautiful object. In a multi-cultural exhibition I was allowed to handle a South American water jar. There was a lovely, scraping sound when one rotated the lid, and thousands of tiny, tinkling, hollow echoes were made when the full, round belly of the jar was touched with the fingernails. I am surprised that it should have taken five years to appreciate experiences of this kind.

AUGUST 11, 1985

For most of the time now my brain no longer hurts with the pain of blindness. There has been a strange change in the state or the kind of activity in my brain. It seems to have turned in upon itself to find inner resources. Being denied the stimulus of much of the outside world, it has had to sort out its own functions and priorities. I now feel clearer, more excited and more adventurous intellectually than ever before. I find myself connecting more, remembering more, making more links between the various things I have read and had to learn over the years. Sometimes I come home and feel that my mind is almost bursting with new ideas and horizons.

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When death is denied its sorrow

A truncated funeral can add to the pain of bereavement, says **Celia Haddon**

Jimmy Goldsmith, the financier, went to his last resting place alone. He put in writing his wish that nobody should be at his funeral. He believed he would spare his family pain.

But his sparse and lonely funeral may not do this. A truncated funeral can add to the pain of bereavement. My father, Darby Haddon, left similar wishes about his cremation, and for me it was a nightmare.

"I wish my body to be disposed of as cheaply as is consistent with human dignity," said his will. This clause gave him considerable satisfaction and he laughed about it each time he told us of it.

Why did he do it? Not because he wished to save money. There was plenty of money in his estate. The clue, I think, lay with his mother, an eccentric and paranoid woman who wore funereal black for the rest of her life after her husband died. Darby was reacting against her. He was also influenced, I believe, by his loathing of Christianity. Although his village church in Exford, a small village on Exmoor, would have been a lovely place for a funeral, he refused to enter it dead, as he had refused when he was alive.

My stepmother and I tried to carry out his wishes. "I want the cheapest coffin," I told the undertaker, who had no doubt expected a rather better order as he drove up the drive to the farmhouse. "No service. Nothing."

"You'll want something for when you walk into the crem," he said. So we settled for three minutes of Chopin on the crem organ. Our only extravagance was a car to take us to the crematorium.

We walked in, just the four of us, dressed in our ordinary clothes, into the front row. There was a moment when I almost laughed when I saw the coffin. It was gleaming with brass and I do not believe it could possibly have been the cheapest one.

The man on the organ gave us a burst of music and the coffin slid into the flames. That was it. No proper start. No proper conclusion. There were no mourners. There were no words of comfort. Nothing to reconcile us to the bare finality and awfulness of death. We looked at each other and did not know what to say. We went home for lunch. Conversation was difficult. Later my stepmother collected his ashes and spread them over the moorland above the farm. Again there was no ceremony. Nothing.

I do not know how she felt, but I know that I was horribly upset by this. We had faced our grief and our loss without any of the usual consolations. There were no relatives to greet, no long-lost friends to enjoy re-meeting, no neighbours with whom to share our loss. We had deprived the circle of his friends and acquaintances of a melancholy but enjoyable occasion. By refusing death its dignified and gloomy tributes, we were trying to deny its sorrow.

The wishes of the dead are not binding on the living. We could, if we had chosen, had a proper funeral, but I think my stepmother would have felt this was a betrayal.

She died of a stroke 18 months later. Her death gave us the chance we needed. The farm was to be sold and so we were cutting our last links to Exmoor, our childhood home. Her funeral, in the same crematorium, was a public one followed by a reception at the house. Many people who came said they had wanted to attend our father's funeral. It was an opportunity to see again — and say farewell to — old friends. But we did more. We remaining children put a memorial to both of them on the wild moorland where their ashes had been scattered. A gigantic three-ton block of granite, with their names on it, now looks out over the valley of Exford.

It was hugely expensive and complicated, but the day when a crane, a lorry and three men put it into position was one of the happiest of my life. At last I, if not he, was at peace. Now I feel I know where my father is.

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Sir James Goldsmith had a solitary funeral. Were his family denied the chance to mourn?

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Who's minding the babysitters? There are no regulations for nannies because the relationship between them and their employers is said to be 'private'

Policing the nanny's status

It is time the Government acted to ensure that children are not at risk from those who are meant to be caring for them. **Bill Frost** reports

Jemma Winton will never marry, never have children of her own, never read and never write; she is 22 but trapped in eternal childhood after suffering abuse at the hands of a "trained" nanny in the first weeks of her life.

Shaken violently and probably dropped when she refused to stop crying, the infant was brain-damaged and close to death. Doctors who performed cranial surgery on Jemma found extensive bruising on the back of the skull.

Her mother, Cheryl, 44, and her then husband were interviewed by police at their home in central London when the cause of the child's injuries became clear. Their nanny was questioned, too.

"It was then she admitted that she had shaken Jemma on various occasions while in a temper, not realising that it could cause brain damage," Mrs Winton says. "However, the police advised us not to prosecute the nanny, because they said there was no proof."

Though distracted by the terror that her daughter might die, she called every agency in the telephone book to warn them against hiring the young woman who had almost killed her daughter. Mrs Winton's fear to this day is that Jemma's "attacker" might still be working with children.

"In the absence of government legislation to compel the registration of nannies, regulation of agencies and the establishment of an effective professional association, these tragedies will continue. — 22 years on, it is happening all the time. No one seems to have the will to stop it," Mrs Winton says.

This week, she helps to launch a campaign aimed at ensuring the "nanny business" is properly policed. The pressure group Playpen, which features in the Yorkshire Television programme *3D* on Thursday, will lobby ministers for a change in the law.

"The current lack of control puts thousands of children at risk every year," says Mrs Winton. "Nannies have sole care of babies and children and yet they are not subject to any controls at all.

"They don't need a first aid certificate, let alone a professional qualification. Childminders have to be registered with social services by law under the 1989 Children Act. They are professionally vetted, undergo police checks and are subject to continued scrutiny.

"But there are no such regulations for nannies because the relationship between nanny and employer is said to be 'private'. We want to change this — few agencies make thorough checks, so children are put at risk.

"Why does the law say children looked after by nannies are less in need of protection than those cared for by childminders?"

Her own daughter's life has been "blighted" by the girl she employed after seeing an advertisement in *The Lady* magazine. "How many other parents have suffered in the same way?" she asks.

"Jemma is very happy, but will always be a child and cannot be left alone for more than ten minutes. She is at the time of life now when a young woman starts thinking about marriage and children of her own. That will never happen.

"I have no idea what has happened to the nanny who did this but feel I would like to speak to her and try to understand why she did it.

"I don't feel anger but I do feel pain. Just talking about it now makes me relive the experience, and it hurts very much.

"I went through hell. Every time we went to the doctor, there was another health problem with Jemma, and I blame myself for not noticing that something was wrong earlier than I did."

Playpen supporters, who include nannies themselves and their employers, know of many cases where children have been abused by those employed to care for them. Babies have been drugged to prevent them from crying or locked in cupboards as punishment.

Anne Waddington, a barrister specialising in cases involving the abuse of children and a founder of the pressure group, says prosecutions are rare. And, she adds, most nannies who are responsible for maltreatment are neither psychotic nor sadistic.

"These young women are simply given responsibilities beyond their ability. It is hard to say how often these incidents occur, but abuse is by no means infrequent and one case is one too many."

Mrs Waddington, who has a family of her own, admits that "in an ideal world" she would raise her own children. "That's not possible, though — I have a job to do.

"But parents must be confident that their children's welfare is guaranteed when they take on a nanny; at the moment that is not possible.

"Too many agencies are motivated by profit. The usual placement fee is about £1,000. They don't place a high enough priority on protecting the young and vulnerable."

Nina Kaye, who runs an agency, agrees. She, too, is a founder member of the Playpen campaign.

"This is not a nanny-bashing exercise," she says. "But in this day and age, it is iniquitous that qualified nannies are not registered and nanny agencies are not regulated.

"In the absence of a change in the law, the girl who maltreated Jemma might still be working. That's why we double-check every nanny seeking employment — but the scandal is that no one *makes* us do that."

The Professional Association of Nursery Nurses — a rapidly growing section of the Professional Association of Teachers — has given full backing to the Playpen campaign. The current "free-for-all" in this area of the employment market is "quite disgraceful", it says.

John Andrews, PAT general secretary, thinks children, parents and nannies all get a rough deal as the law stands.

"I never cease to be baffled by the fact that it seems to be assumed that almost anyone can be put in charge of young children without any check on their suitability. We have long been campaigning for the establishment of a register.

"It seems amazing that parents who would not entrust their car to an unqualified mechanic would entrust their child to an unqualified nanny."

Cheryl Winton learnt her lesson from bitter experience. "I have thought a lot about what happened to Jemma when she was just six weeks old and how our perfect little baby was no longer perfect.

"Why should any parent go through this anguish when a simple change in the law would prevent, or at least reduce, the odds of any repetition of what happened to us? My whole world has been turned upside down and I can only hope that somebody in government is listening."

● 3D *will be broadcast on ITV at 7.30pm, Thursday July 24*

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The pursuit of wealth

The urge to make money is an inbuilt American obsession. **Tunku Varadarajan** reports

THE HISTORY of America is the history of money. Slavery was all about money, both saving and making it. The Declaration of Independence was also about money — taxes, especially when levied by the Crown of a faraway island, are a damned nuisance.

Many features of modern America, also, have money as a predominant theme: large-scale immigration from Europe and the Third World (the poor wanting to get rich); the Great Depression (everybody getting poor); and the growth of the consumer society. Even the civil rights movement of the 1960s had as its goal a better standard of living for blacks and greater economic opportunity.

In a book just published in New York, *Money: Who has how much and why*, Andrew Hacker, a political-science professor at the city's Queens College, looks at America's obsession with money, taking an academic scalpel to "questions everyone asks".

He poses, and answers, questions such as: have women made real strides towards economic parity? (Answer: depends on what you mean by "strides"); has affirmative action improved the economic status of blacks (not really, because the black middle class is a private-sector creation); does immigration take jobs away from Americans? (on the contrary).

"Part of being American is to feel that you deserve more than you have," writes the professor, suggesting this restless acquisitiveness might be what built and maintains the world's largest economy.

Some of his figures are startling: in 1979, 13,505 individuals or families earned the equivalent of $1 million a year. By 1994, the latest year for which figures are available, that had jumped to 68,064. The past few decades have witnessed the rise of the "one-million-a-year American", and the rich, the book asserts, "are getting richer".

The key question for the professor, though, is this: are the *poor* getting richer too? His research, depressingly, shows they are not. While the richest 5 per cent of the American population has seen its average income rise by 54.1 per cent in the past 20 years, the bottom 20 per cent has seen a rise of a mere 1.5 per cent. One in five American children currently lives in a household where the annual income is less than $15,000 (£10,000).

And for every $1,000 received by a white household in 1995, a black household made only $577. Twenty years ago, it made $605. Blacks are still "under-represented" in a number of key professions.

Although they comprise 10.6 per cent of the total workforce, only 3.6 per cent of all lawyers, 2.5 per cent of all architects, and 1.9 per cent of dentists are black. Intriguingly, there are hardly any black bartenders or waitresses either, with only 2 per cent and 4.5 per cent respectively. Why? Professor Hacker lays the blame fairly on "the system" and racism.

> 'Part of being American is to feel you deserve more'

Yet immigrants have had more success. Those from India have an average income of $44,696 a year, higher than any other ethnic group (Americans of English descent make $34,117 per annum; Irish Americans $31,845). Professor Hacker attributes their success — and that of another comparable group of migrants, the Koreans — to their ability to identify a "niche" in the market. Indians, for example, now run virtually all the motels in the Deep South.

THE book is more than inventive number-crunching. Occasionally, Professor Hacker comes up with fairly crackpot theories. He writes: "The farther a country is from the US, the more likely will its immigrants be to secure higher-paying work. Clearly, it takes more resources, financial or personal, to get here from India ... than, say, Mexico."

This, of course, is the great liberal blind spot: a failure to recognise that some people are simply better at making money than others. For this reason, and this reason alone, there will always be rich people, just as there will always be poor ones. Especially, I'm afraid, in America.

● Money: Who has how much and why *by Andrew Hacker (Scribner Educational Publishing, New York 702.3000)*

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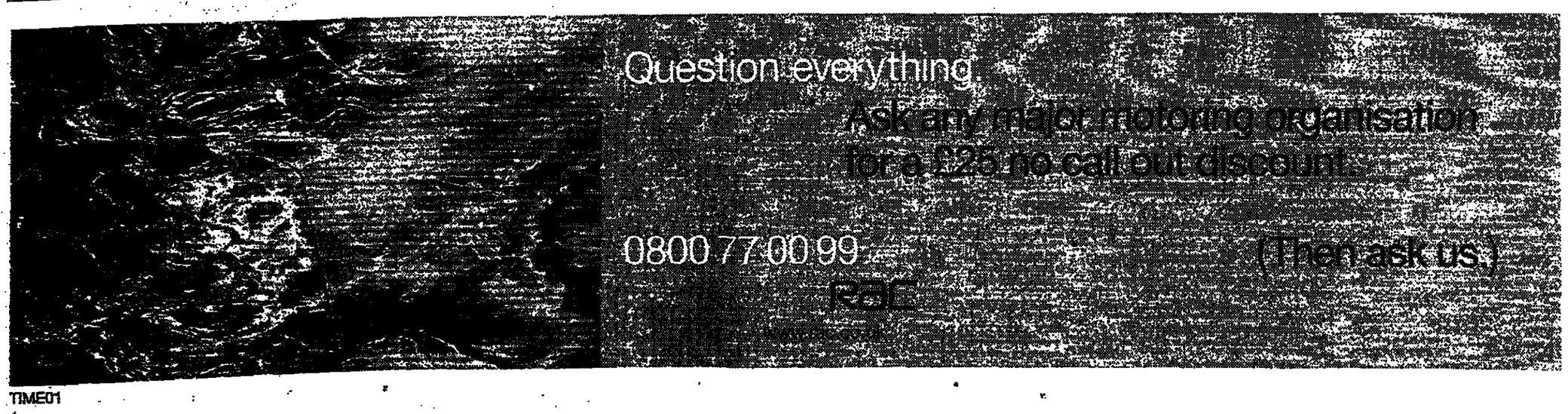

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Radio 3's big cheese bites back

On Saturday Richard Morrison accused Radio 3 of going downmarket. Here its controller, **Nicholas Kenyon**, replies

Dear **Richard**, I'm surprised, and not a bit disappointed, that you should be so uncharacteristically credulous as to retail groundless, alarmist rumour about the future of Radio 3 as if it were fact. You and your critics have always seen a reason to write about the arts in a sharp, witty, untechnical and, yes, populist way. Neither of us wants to leave music just to the musicologists (though they have their uses). The classical music audience has changed hugely in the last few years. It's larger but more volatile, sophisticated but less knowledgeable than it used to be. It wants to learn.

This is the audience Radio 3 needs to serve. Not the lightest, most casual listeners to classical music, who are already well served by Radio 2 and Classic FM. Radio 3 will always present a challenge because it plays complete works and some difficult repertory. It's for those who know about classical music and, very importantly, for those who *want* to know.

So let's be clear about how nonsensical your rumours are: there was no "meeting of big cheeses", but rather an absolutely open meeting (as there is every year) for all producers to hear about Radio 3's plans for the year ahead, so that they can offer the best possible programmes to us. The plans include a continuing commitment to more than half the network's music output being live or specially recorded, unrivalled coverage of every area of classical music from opera to jazz, early music to new music, as well as major drama, features and documentaries. This involves Radio 3 in patronage and programme-making which is indeed "the envy of the world".

Our plans include clearer schedules, so that listeners can find their way around the network without confusion: you will be able to expect a lunchtime concert at 1pm every day, orchestral music at 2pm, specialist music at 4pm and so on. And we need a better defined music policy for different times of the days so that strong, popular programmes like *Morning Collection* can co-exist on the network alongside the adventures of *Sounding the Century* at times when the audience is available to listen. The result will be clearer expectations, and a bolder schedule.

Who will choose this music? Here we come a little closer to the source of the disaffection you report. All the music we play will continue to be chosen by expert, intelligent human beings. There are now several sources from which we can obtain that expertise. The BBC's Classical Music department — which includes the former Radio 3 music department — has originated award-winning, highly original programmes over the last year, while independent producers have originated some of our freshest programme formats, including the prizewinning *Private Passions*. The network's responsibility is to serve the audience with the best material from all these production areas. So don't be alarmist: every department will certainly need to adapt, but none will have to be "slashed" if it offers Radio 3 excellent programmes which meet the needs of the serious classical music audience we have identified.

You simply cannot call people "Woganesque geezers" in print and get away with it. Sean Rafferty, whom you can currently hear standing in for Brian Kay on Sunday mornings, is already a respected presenter on the network and a member of the *In Tune* team whose presentation he will lead (with a no less enthusiastic expert, Humphrey Carpenter, as support) from September. And you fill in space with an absurdly dyspeptic reference to the BBC orchestras: their artistic standing in this country has never been higher, they are central to the live music policy of Radio 3, and they are valued by a huge public, as their Proms — including three sell-outs in the first week alone — will demonstrate. And you just proved that with your review of the First Night of the Proms.

The silly thing about this argument is that, essentially, we agree: Radio 3 will continue to be, exactly as you put it, "sane, cultured, and horizon-widening". That is a good expression of our desire to take serious classical music to the widest possible audience, not for audience figures alone, but because we believe they would love and value what we have to offer, as does our current audience. The BBC's Governors, to judge from the latest annual report, believe that Radio 3 is "excellent and distinctive", and we are. But we can do it better, and we will. I hope you, Richard, will be among those who come along with us rather than sniping from the sidelines.

AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

WHENEVER 20th-century presidents of the Royal Academy are being enumerated from memory, **Thomas Monnington** is the one who tends to get left out. This is not too difficult to understand. When he became PRA in 1966 his style was already so unfashionable that the honour must have been some kind of gesture in the face of the rebels at the gates — or at least a tribute to his organising ability rather than to his art. When he died in 1976 his work unmistakably belonged to the past.

But time brings its revenges. Nowadays his classical precision, his brilliance as an academic draughtsman and the hallucinatory clarity of his best painting seem bang up to date. His achievements, as demonstrated in the touring retrospective which began at the British School in Rome and now ends up, very fittingly, at the Fine Art Society, match so well the aspirations of many painters who were still infants when he died. In his murals and designs for ceilings and floors he toyed with abstraction, but the heart of his work is in the classical and religious scenes of the Twenties and Thirties, and in his sparkling portrait drawings. This style produces a genuine surreal frisson. *Tempests Attacking Flying Bombs* (1944), with its desperate combat over the immemorial elms of England, remains his best-known picture, and there is no arguing with that judgment.
Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, W1 (0171-629 5116), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until August 1.

☐ THE career of **Natalia Gontcharova** followed a similar trajectory to that of many Russian contemporaries who grew up with Symbolism, discovered Russian peasant art at an impressionable age, and moved from there towards abstraction. For many inside and outside the arts it was the advent of Diaghilev's Ballets Russes in the West which crystallised these changes.

Gontcharova, who came West at the same time as Diaghilev, both was affected by his revolution in taste and helped to bring it about. The show *Natalia Gontcharova and the Russian Ballet* at Julian Barran focuses on precisely this period. There are designs connected with her first and most famous production for Diaghilev, *Le Coq d'Or*, and work for one of Diaghilev's most intriguing unfulfilled projects, *Liturgie*. In strong contrast, there is a remarkable range of her designs for another unproduced ballet of the war years, *España*. Equally striking, in another way, are her portrait drawings of such musical luminaries of the Diaghilev circle as Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Lord Berners, Satie and de Falla.
Julian Barran, 42 Old Bond Street, W1 (0171-495 0499), Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, until Aug 6

☐ ALTHOUGH she belongs to an older generation, the shape of **Yang Yanping's** life in art has surprising similarities to that of Marlborough's new artist **Chen Yifei**. Surprising because they seem to be at opposite poles of 20th-century Chinese art. His formation is entirely in terms of Western art, while hers is completely within the native Chinese tradition. Both of them achieved great success in China, but both seized the first opportunity to move to New York in the Eighties. And both, in very different ways, are definitely modern artists, at once Chinese and international. Yang Yanping's works retain strong links with the traditions of Chinese brush-drawing. Her paintings in coloured inks on rice paper are close to abstraction, but remain perceptibly anchored in the reality of plants and flowers. The magic is inescapable.
Michael Goedhuis, 116 Mount Street, W1 (0171-629 2228), Mon-Fri 9.30am-6pm, until Aug 1

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Violencia, painted by Ed Paschke in 1980, is one of many works in the Whitney Museum's revelatory survey of American art that appear to follow Moses Soyer's celebrated advice: "Paint America, but with your eyes open. Do not glorify Main Street. Paint it as it is — mean, dirty, avaricious"

The American cream – sweet and sour

GALLERIES: In New York **Richard Cork** enjoys the new Whitney show

Britain has given lavish attention to American art made since the Second World War, but we see disgracefully little American work produced before then. Edward Hopper's melancholy paintings of cinemas, garages and diners may be familiar from posters and greetings cards, but his original pictures cannot be found in our public collections. Nor do we own a single Georgia O'Keeffe. Visitors to the Tate might be forgiven for concluding that, before Jackson Pollock appeared in about 1950, American art did not exist.

The Whitney Museum opened in New York 66 years ago to combat any such notion. Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, an artist herself, set about proving that, alongside bold architecture, her country had "also evolved a national art of painting and sculpture". Since then the Whitney has acquired a large, distinguished collection. And in recent years it has invited three European museum directors and their colleagues to select exhibitions drawn from the Whitney's treasures.

The last in the series, chosen by Nicholas Serota and Sandy Nairne of the Tate, has just opened. It starts with an isolated, spectacular loan from Millbank: Roy Lichtenstein's titanic *Whaam!*, a flamboyant masterpiece of Pop Art. Nimbly purchased by the Tate soon after it was painted in 1963, this barnstorming double canvas sums up the explosiveness of American art's impact on Europe at the time.

But the show quickly departs from the kind of American work represented at the Tate. Nairne and Serota go out of their way to pluck a host of more obscure artists as well. They call the show *American Realities*, and Serota declares that it aims at "reviving a broader view of Modernism which does not regard an interest in the figure as being, by definition, anti-Modern".

Human images certainly dominate the first section. Arshile Gorky's tender painting of *The Artist and His Mother* reminds us that many Abstract Expressionists started their careers in a figurative vein. Alice Neel's portrait of Andy Warhol, baring the stitches criss-crossing his pale torso after the near-fatal shooting by Valerie Solanis, presents her subject in an unusually fragile light.

Unexpected links abound. Nan Goldin's recent colour photograph of Siobhan, staring at us so challengingly from her shower, looks surprisingly at home near Larry Rivers's delicate 1955 painting of a far older, more weary woman. Serota and Nairne enjoy mixing works in different media, finding an uncanny resemblance between Franz Kline's muscular brushmarks in *Mahoning* and the equally angular cluster of chain-bound wood in Mark di Suvero's *Hankchampion*.

Both these works are included in a section devoted to Metaphysical Landscapes, where Pollock and O'Keeffe are also found. But it is gratifying to find that pride of place here is given to an ecstatic celebration of *The Seasons* by Pollock's wife Lee Krasner, whose work was so often eclipsed by her husband's notoriety.

Other American artists offer more down-to-earth interpretations of the modern world. George Luks's boisterous *Armistice Night* evokes the raucous triumphalism of street celebrations in November 1918. His unbridled brushwork is far removed from Paul Cadmus's *Sailors and Floosies*, painted a year before the outbreak of another world war. A crumpled newspaper photograph of a Fascist dictator lies on the ground, next to three tipsy couples groping each other in sunset parkland. But the true focus is the golden-curled sailor in the foreground, painted with homoerotic passion.

Stuart Davis paints the interwar urban scene with a feeling for the hard-edged clarity of windows, hoardings and fire-escape ladders. His Jazz-Age optimism contrasts with the gloomier vision of artists who shared Moses Soyer's desire to "paint America, but with your eyes open. Do not glorify Main Street. Paint it as it is — mean, dirty, avaricious." Such a gritty ambition spans the decades from a gruesome 1947 burial scene by the almost forgotten Stephen Greene to the more streamlined, televisual horror of Ed Paschke's stylish *Violencia* in 1980.

As it stresses the relationship between glamour and death, the show uncovers links binding artists as dissimilar as Jack Levine and the tragically short-lived Jean-Michel Basquiat. The figure occupying the coffin in Levine's candlelit *Gangster Funeral* is probably punctured with bullets, whereas the haunted faces scrawled on Basquiat's wall are more likely to be threatened by drug abuse. But among the graffiti the word "gangsterism" is inscribed in bold capitals. Thirty years after Levine painted his sinister picture, Basquiat was still emphasising an abiding evil of American life.

Artists so impressive as those seen here deserve to be better known. It is a pity that *American Realities* will not be coming to the Tate. We need to learn more about the work in the Whitney, and realise how many eye-opening correspondences exist between American artists and their British contemporaries. This engaging show left me determined to discover more, and eager to see how an American museum director would organise an exhibition of British Realities during the same period.

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Le Comte Ory
Glyndebourne

Rossini's last comic opera has everything going for it. Scribe's libretto is literate, witty and amiably filthy, its sophisticated sauciness masked by the flimsiest veil of wide-eyed mock innocence. The plot is a catalogue of political incorrectness, with randy clerics, a palpitatingly chaste heroine "longing for it", as they say in the tabloids, chaps dressed up as nuns, all culminating — *tabloid-speak* is unavoidable — in a gender-confused three-in-a-bed romp set to music of indescribable beauty.

Ah yes, the music: did Rossini ever write anything funnier or more wicked? With this piece he opened the way to *Offenbach, Sullivan, Rodgers* and Hart. In other words, you would think *Ory* indestructible. Wrong again — I can't remember a more depressing first night at Glyndebourne.

It's not so much that the director, Jérôme Savary, declines to draw the humour from the text, substituting a series of dreary sight-gags that look very much as though they are talking down to the audience, *though that is depressing enough*. To judge from advance publicity, quite a few had been dropped before Sunday's premiere, but not nearly enough — the Glyndebourne picnic joke should have been cut on the first day of rehearsal. The sight-gag at the final curtain failed to work, so the director wheeled the prop on at his curtain-call to show us what we missed. Oh dear, amateurs' night out at Glyndebourne of all places.

Bathing beauties, flashing halos, a conveyor-belt gag that kills one of the funniest musical numbers in the score, a generally coarse handling of the erotic shenanigans that in Rossini's hands are all tongue-in-cheek understatement, all that is bad enough; but what was really incomprehensible at this address was the dismal standard of stagecraft. Ezio Toffolutti's dreary sets and garish costumes are dimly lit as if by random — whether or not you see the singers seems purely a matter of chance.

The heroine has one of the great operatic entrances — but here you didn't know who she was, or even if she was on stage. She was then stuck right at the side for the first-act finale, practically invisible. Chorus entries were awkwardly handled, and the audience was understandably slow to respond: *a general exit and scene change designed to be accompanied by applause had to be executed in total, embarrassing silence.*

The worst thing is that, being so busy with irrelevant gags, Savary leaves his poor singers swinging in the wind. Who they were supposed to be, or why, none could tell. Some survive, just. The French soprano Annick Massis (Adèle) is a real find, a high coloratura with sparky tone, a good technique and an exceedingly handsome presence. She sang with wit and style — sad she was wasted on stage. The Belgian tenor Marc Laho promised much in the title role, but the coarseness of the production spilt over into his singing rather too often. Diana Montague (the amorous Page) and Julien Robbins (the Tutor) sang extremely well; Jane Shaulis was wasted in the Margaret Dumont role, and poor Ludovic Tézier (Raimbaud) virtually disappeared.

Orchestrally the show had been well rehearsed. Andrew Davis drew disciplined playing from the London Philharmonic, and later in the run there may be a few more smiles; it was a bit strait-laced on Sunday. Are there too many players for Rossini? There certainly are choristers — 14 it says in the text, and there were 23. Such was the level of tedium that one was reduced to counting. In his interview here last week, Savary said that he might do good shows and not so good shows, but never boring ones. Wrong again, sweetheart.

RODNEY MILNES

DONALD COOPER

Phew, what a scorcher: Marc Laho (Count Ory) gets an eyeful of Annick Massis (Adèle)

Banging on and on

BBC PROMS

THOSE who derive aesthetic satisfaction from the endless mechanistic aural loops that make up the music of Steve Reich, Philip Glass and others of their kind will have had a bean-feast at Sunday night's Prom given by the Ensemble Modern under John Adams. For those of us who haven't grasped the plot, it was a dismal evening.

There were one or two brighter moments, but they were not in the first half, which began with Reich's *Music for Mallet Instruments, Voices and Organ*. This work of 1973 generates waves of canons on marimbas and glockenspiels, every now and then shifting the pattern to make sure everybody is still awake. The three women's voices (Micaela Haslam, Sarah Eyden and Heather Cairncross) contributing simplistic descants were well blended, and the players of Ensemble Modern seemed alert.

At least Reich's piece is gratifying in sheer tone colour. The same could not be said of Michael Gordon's *Love Bead*, which sets up disorientating cross-rhythms in grating sonorities. Gordon is a founder of New York's Bang on a Can festival. Having been brought up in Nicaragua, he studied among the leafy cloisters of Yale; neither place would one associate with the jangling cacophony of *Love Bead*.

The name of Lou Harrison, born in 1917, is often invoked as that of a significant experimentalist in 20th-century American music. The UK premiere of his *Concerto for Organ with Percussion Orchestra* (1972-1973), with Hermann Kretzschmar the adept soloist, was therefore a disappointment. At least, compared with what had preceded it, the Concerto had a sense of direction, and if the experimentalism often sounded amateurish, the blending of oriental and occidental elements was effective.

In Glass's *Façades*, the fifth movement of *Glassworks*, two soprano saxophones *duetted* jejunely over a weaving string texture too prominent to be an accompaniment, too tedious to be anything more. Things looked up in Adams's *Scratchband*, however. This had the air of carefully controlled improvisation, with new horizons opening up continually. As usual with Adams, there is wit, colour and imagination in abundance.

The raw energy of Frank Zappa's *The Yellow Shark* brought the evening to an exuberant end.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Dirty laundry

THEATRE

Her Sister's Tongue
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

MORE often than not, sisters in a play turn out to be deadly rivals, unlike brothers who are good-natured and seldom poach each other's wives. I don't know why this should be, and it isn't a case of male playwrights taking revenge on women. Janet Goddard's arresting play gives us Eileen, who is about to marry Jim, and Elizabeth who *is furiously sewing the wedding dress*, having previously stitched up her sister's future bliss by slipping into bed with him.

"It's like going to the launderette," she eventually announces. "OK, I put my laundry in your machine and you're peeved." Peeved puts it mildly, and frightful consequences follow when Eileen picks up the scissors. Elizabeth would have been better advised to keep mum about the matter, even though the spineless Jim is *moping around the place, tormenting* himself with guilt. When Elizabeth, irritated beyond words by male spinelessness, bites his hand he gives a squawk of pain but then nods agreement: "I deserved that."

A violent little world, then, but at the same time a world where everyone openly says what is going on in their heads. There are other British playwrights who do this but the eccentric candour of Goddard's characters put me in mind of the fluent neurotics who throng the plays of Christopher Durang. Elizabeth's family dwell in Islington not New York, but they generate a similar sense of people perfectly in control of themselves as they drive down a busy street, except that they steer their car into a wall.

Some of the ensuing crashes in the first act caught the audience so by surprise that bursts of laughter took on an hysterical note. Even though a young bride is refusing to speak, you somehow don't expect her mother to pick up a fork and jab it into her arm.

Jacquetta May's direction for Plain Clothes (one of our keenest Fringe companies for hunting out new work) successfully manages the delicate business of exercising control over a work of heightened reality so that it peaks when required but does not sag between times.

As Elizabeth, by turns superior, stricken and svelte, Virginia Radcliffe is thrillingly good, and there are precise character studies from Janine Wood, Matthew Zajac and Edward Clayton. A rewarding evening.

JEREMY KINGSTON

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

BBC PROMS: On the musical menu presented to Promenaders this evening are Mendelssohn's overture *Ruy Blas*, Elgar's Cello Concerto and Bruckner's mighty Symphony No 9. Tadaaki Otaka conducts the BBC National Orchestra of Wales.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). 7.30pm

GOODNIGHT DESDEMONA (And Good Morning Juliet): Ann-Marie MacDonald's sprightly conflation of two famous tragedies into a modern nightmare farce.
Grace Theatre at the Latchmere, 503 Battersea Park Road, SW11 (0171-223 3549). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Until August 3

KISS ME KATE: The New Shakespeare Company brushes up its Shakespeare in Cole Porter's witty, tune-packed musical. Ian Talbot directs Louise Gold, Issy van Randwyck and Andrew C. Wadsworth.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Previews tonight, 8pm, tomorrow, 2.30pm and 8pm. Opens Thurs, 8pm. In repertoire.

OPERA IN THE PARK: A double dose of Puccini can be enjoyed tonight as Opera Europa presents the chilling one-acter of love and revenge, *Il Tabarro*, coupled with a revival of its successful 1994 production of the comic *Gianni Schicchi*.
Holland Park, Holland Park, W8 (0171-602 7856). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

CANADIAN KEYWORK: The internationally acclaimed Canadian pianist Shelley Katz, a former student at New York's famous Juilliard School, makes his solo UK debut here playing Bach's *Goldberg Variations*.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

BUXTON: As part of the Buxton Festival Fringe Showcase Opera gives three performances of the rarely-performed chamber opera, **The Medium**, Menotti's darkly ironic tale centres on a fraudulent medium who, terrified by what she thinks is a real encounter with the supernatural, is driven to madness and murder.
Old Town Hall (01298 72190). Tonight, 8.30pm, Thurs, 10.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

Louise Gold plays Kate at the Open Air Theatre

CARDIFF: Tonight is family night at the **Welsh Proms**. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra performs works designed to appeal to music lovers of all ages. The programme includes Sousa's *Stars and Stripes*, Howard Blake's *The Snowman* and Dukas's *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*.
St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (01222 878444). 7.30pm.

CHICHESTER: Julie Christie takes the title role in Marguerite Duras's **Suzanna Andler**. Sudden love with a man from a different social background (played by Aden Gillett) knocks her world askew. Lindy Davies directs.
Minerva Studio, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.35pm. Until August 9

OXFORD: A selection of Old Master drawings from the permanent collection at Christ Church by Sienese masters opens today. Artists represented include Sodoma, Domenico Beccafumi and Federico Barocci.
Christ Church Picture Gallery (01865 276172). Mon-Sat, 10.30am-1pm and 2pm-5.30pm; Sun, 2-5.30pm

LONDON GALLERIES

British Library Galleries: Designer Bookbinders (0171-323 7111) . . **Hayward:** Tatsuo Miyajima: Big Time, *Art of the Harlem Renaissance* (0171-928 3144) . . **ICA:** Assuming Positions (0171-930 3647) . . **Karsten Schubert:** Eadweard Muybridge (0171-631 0031) **Llewellyn Alexander:** Not the Royal Academy 1997 (0171-620 1322) **National:** *Seurat and the Bathers* (0171-747 2885) **Saatchi:** Duane Hanson (0171-624 8299) . . **Serpentine:** Tadashi Kawamata (Gallery Lawn) (0171-402 6075) **Tate:** Michal Rovner; Ellsworth Kelly (0171-887 8000) **V & A:** Spanish Treasures from the Khalili Collection (0171-938 8349/8441)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **ART:** Henry Goodman, Roger Allam and Stanley Townsend in this exceptionally interesting drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white painting.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

□ **CHIMPS:** Gemma Bodinetz directs a black comedy by Simon Block, author of the excellent table tennis play *Not a Game For Boys*: a young couple in their first home are driven to distraction by two persistent salesmen.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm.

□ **ELVIS — THE MUSICAL:** Three actors-singers take us through the life of the King, with Michael Dimin playing the mature Elvis. Strictly for fans.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. Until Sept 6

◪ **HENRY V:** The first full season on ye new olde Elizabethan stage (not actually Shakespeare's) opens with Mark Rylance playing Hal in Richard Olivier's all-male production. Not as good as it should be.
Shakespeare's Globe, Bankside, SE1 (0171-401 9919). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm. In rep with *The Winter's Tale*

□ **HER SISTER'S TONGUE:** Two women and a man sleeping with one but due to marry the other: Janet Goddard's new play for award-winning Plain Clothes Productions, set in Middle England and directed by Jacquetta May.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 8701). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4.30pm.

□ **LADY IN THE DARK:** The 1941 musical by Moss Hart, Ira Gershwin and Kurt Weill. A fashion editor (Maria Friedman) visits her psychiatrist to tell of her dreams about three men. All songs except the linking ballad, *My Ship*, occur in the dream sequences. Directed by Francesca Zambello, best known for her work in opera.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-929 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs and Sat, 2.15pm. In rep

◪ *THE LEENANE TRILOGY: Family life is no comfy bed of shamrock in the Connemara village of Martin McDonagh's trilogy: a mother from hell and her desperate daughter (The Beauty Queen of Leenane) — first seen in London last year; marital secrets revealed in the cemetery (A Skull in Connemara); a pair of squabbling brothers living alone in their dead father's house (The Lonesome West).* Garry Hynes directs.
***Royal Court (Duke of York's)**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Trilogy on Sat: Beauty, 1pm; Skull, 4pm; Lonesome, 8pm. Until September 13. In rep*

□ **THE PROVOK'D WIFE:** Michael Pennington (excellent as Sir John Brute), Alison Steadman, Victoria Hamilton in Vanbrugh's pungent comedy directed against the chains of marriage. Lindsay Posner directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep

□ **SKYLIGHT:** Bill Nighy and Stella Gonet in David Hare's witty and cogent play showing two contemporary social moralities at odds. Directed by Richard Eyre.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **TWILIGHT OF THE GOLDS:** Is gayness such a curse that a foetus should be aborted if scientists isolate a gay gene? Jason Gould, playing a gay designer, *argues for life in a Broadway play determined to melt hearts.* Wagner in there somewhere. Polly James directs.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Until August 2.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) □ **Buddy:** Strand (0171-930 8800) . . ◪ **Grease:** Cambridge (0171-494 5060) □ **Jesus Christ Superstar:** Lyceum (0171-656 1807) □ **Martin Guerre:** Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . □ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5030) ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT (12): Thin but amiable Spanish-language comedy set on a south London housing estate. Director, Fernando Colombo.
ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470)

◆ ***LADY AND THE TRAMP*** (U): Disney's 1955 cartoon revived: bland, but with a faint canine charm.
Clapham Pic Hse (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** *(0181-315 4220)* **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE LOST WORLD** (PG): Routine story damages the sequel to *Jurassic Park*. With Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore. Director, Steven Spielberg.
ABCs: Baker St (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Ct Rd** (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham PH** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** ◪ (0990 888990) ◪ **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** ◪ *(0990 888990)* **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031)

REMEMBER ME? (PG): Suburbia disrupted in lukewarm farce by Michael Frayn, with Robert Lindsay, Imelda Staunton, Rik Mayall. Director, Nick Hurran.
NFT ◪ (0171-928 3232)

CURRENT

◆ **CON AIR** (15): *Nasty prisoners* hijack their plane. Ferocious rollercoaster ride, with Nicolas Cage, from producer Jerry Bruckheimer.
Odeons: Kensington (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **West End** *(0181-315 4221)* **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990)

◆ **CRASH** (18): David Cronenberg explores the connection between car crashes and sex. Chilly exercise in perversity, from J G Ballard's novel. With James Spader and Holly Hunter.
ABCs: Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148)

◆ **THE ENGLISH PATIENT** (15): *Map-making Ralph Fiennes smoulders with* passion for Kristin Scott Thomas. Epic, intelligent, though not quite worth all the praise. Director, Anthony Minghella.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Plaza** (0990-888 990) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE FIFTH ELEMENT** (PG): Flabby sci-fi epic with Bruce Willis as the taxi-driver who might save the world.
Odeons: Kensington (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **LOVE JONES** (15): Modern courtship among Chicago's blacks. *Endearing romance, with Larenz Tate* and Nia Long.
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

MICROCOSMOS (U): Astonishing French field trip to the world of insects, filmed with microscopic photography.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

◆ **MURDER AT 1600** (15): Wesley Snipes solves a White House murder. Silly thriller, with Diane Lane.
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◆ **PRIVATE PARTS** (18): Amusing portrait of outrageous radio personality Howard Stern's rise to fame.
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Too soon for Anglo-Saxon triumphalism

Irwin Stelzer warns against pride before a cyclical fall

"America's economy is the strongest in the world," gloated President Clinton to his guests at the G7 summit in Denver. He is, of course, quite correct. America has had only one minor recession in the past 15 years. Everyone who wants a job has one, and more and more people are giving up stay-at-home status in favour of participating in the work force. Inflation is somewhere between very low and nil, consumer confidence is at a 28-year high and corporate profits continue to rise, driving stock prices to levels 20 per cent above those prevailing when Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve Board chairman, expressed the fear in December that "irrational exuberance" had pushed share prices to nervous-making levels.

Britain, too, is on a roll, with an economy that is the envy of the rest of Europe. Little wonder that the Prime Minister and the President are joined in proclaiming the triumph of the "Anglo-Saxon model" over France's more centrally directed one (unemployment 12.5 per cent and rising), and Germany's less competitively oriented one (unemployment 11.4 per cent and rising). And little wonder, too, that new Labour feels sufficiently confident that its policies will not wreck the Tory-built prosperity to preach to old Europe that it had better become one of us, because it clearly would be folly for the Anglo-Saxons to become one of you.

In a way, Mr Clinton's patriotic bragging represents a major retreat. When he took office, the talk was of the virtues of the European model, with its apprenticeship programmes and generous welfare. To the President's chagrin, it soon became apparent that German efficiency is not what it was; that its sickness benefits are so generous that it has become foolish to work on a Monday or a Friday; that firing in Europe is so difficult that hiring becomes a last resort; and that the high taxes needed to fund the French and German welfare states are stifling initiative and investment.

Equally important, it became apparent that the Anglo-Saxon flexible labour market model is more likely to produce the social cohesion that Europeans once claimed as the virtue of their welfare states. Unlike French farmers, America's are not driving pigs through the streets of their capital; Britain's lorry drivers don't decide periodically to shut down the county's transport system.

The danger for the Anglo-Saxons is that appropriate self-satisfaction and merely annoying bragging may give way to hubris. There are young traders in the City and on Wall Street who are unfamiliar with the word "down". Worse still, they have investor-clients who are similarly ignorant. There are politicians on both the Left and the Right in America who are so certain that inflation has been forever interred that they are pressing the Federal Reserve chairman to loosen monetary policy to stimulate still faster growth. And there are financial analysts and reporters who are suggesting that the business cycle is a thing of the past, that globalisation and other forces have created a new, recession-free paradigm.

Would that it were so. But it isn't. True, times have changed. Because manufacturers in America can now draw on the excess labour of the developing world, and on immigrants, they can resist wage pressures even in the face of full employment at home. Because consumers can rely on imports of everything from trainers to cars, they can resist efforts by domestic manufacturers to raise prices. And because technology is improving labour productivity — Luddite labour unions can no longer stand in the way of innovative equipment and work practices — higher wages need not mean higher prices for consumers, or lower profits for employers.

All of this means that both Britain and America can now grow more rapidly, without triggering inflation, than they did in the past. But it is still possible for there to be a cyclical downturn in either country. And it remains true that pride goeth before the fall. For if the Anglo-Saxons forget that no tree grows to the sky, they are likely to fall victim to the arrogance that produces both financial and policy errors.

Young traders are unfamiliar with the word down

On the financial side, this arrogance takes the form of persuading oneself that risky investments aren't. Consider this: Slovenia's bonds now bear an interest rate only one-half of a percentage point higher than those of the US Treasury. And banks are beginning to relax lending standards as they did in the good old days of the oil and property boom-busts.

On the political side, hubris takes the form of forgetting that Harold Macmillan was right when he warned that a government's biggest problem is "events, dear boy, events". The American government is in the process of selling off part of its strategic reserve of crude oil, as if the Middle East had become a stable place. And new environmental regulations are about to impose billions of dollars of costs on American industry (and on Britain's, if new Labour's greens have their way), as if competition from China and other exporters no longer must be reckoned with.

If these and similar policies do combine to slow or reverse the growth of the Anglo-Saxon economies, don't expect any sympathy from the Europeans: they aren't about to forget our haughtiness during their time of troubles. But then, they are unlikely to be sympathetic to us in any event.

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University challenges

Dearing's proposals will make life tougher for students — but some of the side-effects might be bracing

Libby Purves

Sailing holidays play odd tricks with your brain. When you have been rolling gently on a Hebridean anchorage, drinking single malt and idly scanning days-old newspapers before the wet mist turns them into papier-mâché, the froth and eddy of journalistic speculation enters your dreams and takes on a surreal, luminous glow.

One night near the end of this dim, idyllic break I sat under a full moon in Oban Bay, half watching a busker juggling burning torches on the prom, and read the alleged news that Radio 4 is to sweep away such dross as myself to win a younger audience.

Too dozy to care much, I turned the wet page to read about the burden which university tuition fees will put upon new graduates as they struggle to pay back loans. Then sleep fell and I dreamt that I had unveiled a conspiracy. The Radio 4 Controller, James Boyle, was holding secret meetings with Sir Ron Dearing in an Edinburgh pub. Between them these cunning devils had cooked up a brilliant idea: charge tuition fees, and you ensure that no bright person under 30 will ever again have any spare money for going out, due to the loan repayments. So they'll have to stay in and listen to Radio 4, thus bringing an educated young audience to the senior radio service, even as they pay back the cost of their education to the taxpayer. Simple. I think Mrs Parker Bowles came into the conspiracy somewhere, too, and T Rex, but cannot quite recall how.

Awake again, back home and listening more soberly as the tyrannosaur footsteps of the Dearing report thump closer, the situation of the 21st-century student becomes ever more interesting to contemplate. Things are going to change in higher education, and it looks as if it will happen fast.

It seems clear from carefully organised leaks that, exempting only the very poorest families, the Government will press ahead and make all students pay a good whack in tuition fees: three, maybe four, thousand pounds. Maintenance grants will be phased out also and replaced by loans. The loans will have to be paid back, probably as soon as your salary tops £10,500 a year (at present it happens at £15,000).

To pay back debts amounting to a year's salary will take time and pain: the class of 2001 may look with loathing at us, their parents, who in the early 1970s ambled into a sunny world full of jobs, with an overdraft barely bigger than our hangover. I remember it well: I sold my gown and dictionary to pay the bookshop bill and spent the summer working in a bar before the BBC training salary of £895 a year kicked in. It did not matter that it was peanuts: there was no debt. The taxpayer had set me up nicely and waved me on my way with a blessing. Palmy days.

Of course, there will still be students who start this way. Parents who have paid for private education are likely to pay university tuition, too, and to make their children allowances (in some families there is already a rather disgraceful practice of getting the young to take out the student loan they don't need, so that it can be used as a free loan for a kitchen extension or swimming-pool). There will always be a cushion of affluence to start some young lives bouncing. But most students will have to borrow, to work for sustenance in vacations, and to rely on parents for extra comforts such as holidays, or a room at home, or help with the rent of slightly less sordid digs than most. They will face the prospect of paying the money back very early in their working lives. The bleakness of this is already familiar from the recent years of grant erosion: it can only get bleaker.

I would rather it were not so. I have an uncomfortable sense of doors closing in the face of potential students whose fear of debt outweighs their fragile confidence. I fear for graduates, too, when the good jobs are not there and they seem to have hung a financial albatross around their necks for nothing: for those who are lured into company "scholarships" and find themselves tied hand and foot to an uncongenial corporation for a decade; and for financially wobbly parents, close to retirement, who will contemplate their child's brilliant A-level predictions with uncomfortably mixed feelings.

I fear especially for girls, whose emotional antennae may be more finely tuned to those mixed feelings, and who may pretend not to care about university out of affection and duty. We could see again all sorts of old-fashioned situations. There is a story in our family that my widowed Fifeshire grandfather insisted that not only his sons but his daughter go to St Andrew's: my aunt attempted to stay at home and look after him, and he all but drove her out with a stick, so great was his belief in education.

There must have been plenty of other girls whose parents were softer, and readily gave in to the comfort of having them stay at home earning a bit with a typewriter and costing nothing until Mr More-or-Less-Right came along.

But since it looks as if the Dearing deal is on the way, whatever I fear, it is worth looking for redeeming features. One bracing side-effect could be that university applicants start to think of themselves less as lucky winners of a place, and more as customers. If the clock is ticking up a large personal debt, they may feel readier to complain about shoddy teaching, wally courses, idle lecturers and unread assignments. These do exist: it is expected (and by some of us, devoutly hoped) that Dearing will point the finger at some of the badly run courses and time-wasting mediocrities which deface the system.

Maybe if there is a hesitation or a temporary fall in student applications (nobody seems to expect a permanent drop) sixth-formers, too, will rapidly learn to ask hard questions of the universities, especially if their desired course claims to be vocational. So you want to do media studies with a view to working in TV? Or leisure management, business, catering? Then ask the course director some straight questions about how many of his graduates actually got jobs in the field last year — and the year before — and whether he has any enthusiastic letters from their employers. You want to do a brand new course that sounds great on paper? Then ask if they actually have any dedicated premises or equipment yet, what lecturers have been recruited and with what experience. You may be only 18 and rather shy but you're the customer now, as surely as in the Virgin Megastore you're paying.

Less dedicated university staffs may shortly find that any extra money that comes their way is more than counterweighted by increasingly demanding students, not to be fobbed off all term because their supposed supervisor is on a freebie in Oman, or busy writing a potboiler on stress management.

Another redeeming feature would be if the new funding arrangement can seem like a fair deal between the individual and the State. The excuse for charging fees, after all, is that graduates usually end up earning 20 per cent more than non-graduates. Some don't, however: they earn modestly and we all benefit from their trained dedication. This must be recognised. Labour must fulfil and vastly expand its pre-election idea of offering a social bargain in which people who do modestly-paid essential jobs are let off repaying their student loan.

The original suggestion covered, say, a decade of state school teaching, or a period of working in the NHS as a doctor. This should be extended to include health workers with specialist skills, some medical researchers, social and care workers, perhaps the police and the armed and emergency services. This would ensure quality competition for such jobs: even better, it would signal firm social approval of these vocations and provide some kind of answer to the embarrassing question bright sixth-formers always ask: "Why do worthwhile jobs pay so much less?"

It's a good test of Mr Blair's Government: will it do more than just manage efficiently? Will it put effort and intelligence and moral vision into making the new systems work fairly, not just smoothly? We wait, with bated breath.

The Celtic conversion of England

John Haldane on a Blairite mission to the selfish south

It has often been said that Celtic Christianity, led by St Columba, saved Europe from barbarism in the 6th century. It is undeniable that, given its size and relative lack of wealth, Scotland has been remarkably productive of men (and women) of ideas — *and of action*. From Dark Age Celtic missionaries to the Protestant Reformation, and from Adam Smith and David Hume to Lord Reith and Cardinal Winning, Scottish life has been marked by a degree of concern for social morality that has generally been lacking south of the border. This fact may be of more than merely historical and sociological interest. It may be Britain's hope.

The New York Times recently published an article by Karl Meyer, "The Genius of Scotland", which argued that the cloning of a sheep by the Roslyn geneticists and the election to government of Tony Blair's Labour Party were examples of the long tradition of benign innovation associated with Scotland. Meyer attributed this national virtue to the country's education system. Remarkably, the Prime Minister, the Chancellor, the Foreign Secretary, the Chief Secretary and the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, the Defence Secretary, the Minister for Europe, the Lord Chancellor and the Solicitor General are *all* of Scottish origin. Given this possibly unprecedented national grouping in government, and the moral evangelism of the Scots, it would be surprising if there were not ambitions to effect deep changes in British society. I believe the process is under way.

In the 1980s, a criticism began to be voiced that Western liberal societies were excessively individualistic and committed to moral neutrality in public life. Consequently, they are unable to recognise, let alone to promote, the virtues of moral communities. This "communitarian challenge" has become something of an orthodoxy among political theorists and the politicians they have influenced. One of its authors is the Scots-Irish philosopher, Alasdair MacIntyre, who is much quoted in social democratic circles. MacIntyre is a convert to Catholicism favoured by religiously-inclined public figures.

The problem, as MacIntyre sees it, is that modern societies are demoralised and culturally fragmented. All that remain as bases for policy-making are appeals to personal advantage, or to threats of alien domination. Interestingly, these negative themes featured prominently in the Tories' election campaign: vote Labour and watch taxes rise and British interests be sold out to Europe. New Labour, by contrast, made much of rectitude in public life, economic justice at home, and a blend of morality and pragmatism in foreign policy.

There are, however, reasons for doubting whether new Labour's term of office will see improvements in the moral condition of government and of society. Many of its supporters in the urban middle class, particularly in London, are detached from traditional communities, and celebrate their rejection of conformity to older social norms. These supporters also give emphasis to freedom of choice as against habits of acceptance, self-sacrifice and duty. Witness in this regard the marginalisation of Labour for Life, the anti-abortion lobby group, and Mr Blair's personal discomfort over the abortion issue.

But as one moves north, the soil of moral community grows deeper. Cross the border and one enters another country, with its own religious tradition and its own educational and legal systems. Until recently, moral philosophy was more or less compulsory in Scottish universities and it is still pursued by large numbers of first-year art students. Scots in general are better educated, more settled and more morally conservative than their English counterparts. The class system is less pronounced and attitudes to Europe and the world are less xenophobic.

Out of this world have grown the leading figures of the Cabinet and, in particular, a Prime Minister with a clear ambition to nurture a sense of moral community. That ambition, and his administration, if it identifies itself with it, could be broken by resistance from rootless, self-indulgent individualists and from pressure groups promoting interests rather than values. A better inner-government strategy is suggested by the lives and missionaries of St Columba and his Celtic followers. They had first to establish strong moral communities within Scotland before they could venture further.

In short, the Blairite mission might do well to establish itself first in Scotland and then move south through the old communities of Sunderland, Lancashire and Yorkshire, building on the folk memory of shared existence. By stages, southern resistance to reform might reduce, or at any rate be less formidable. A Celtic conversion — or reconversion — could be in the offing, and at that point the Tories would look back on the 1997 election defeat and realise that their greatest loss was Scotland.

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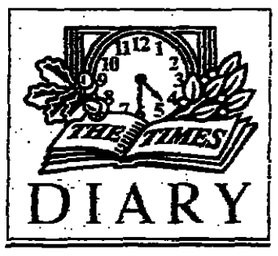
Camping it up



BEFORE heading off to Tuscany next month, Tony Blair is said to be considering taking his family back to Butlins in Bognor Regis. The talk among the Garden Girls of the Downing Street typing pool is that the Prime Minister is keen not only to shed some of his more conspicuous new Labour Terence Conran-Richard Rogers glitter, but also to placate his three children — Euan, Nicholas and Kathryn — who spent half-term at the camp with their nanny and grandmother two years ago.

Butlins offers all sorts of advantages — it is aggressively unmetropolitan and attractively John Prescott in comparison to villas in Tuscany.

Downing Street's press office declared itself far too busy to discuss the PM's holidays. Down in Bognor Regis, however, the atmosphere is like happy hour in the Hawaiian lounge. When the last Blair party visited, they stayed in a self-catering County Suite costing £146 per person per week and were egged on by the club's 40 Redcoats to try pole-jousting, bingo, darts and pedaloe-riding. "I would love to see the Blair children again," says one of the Butlins staff. "They had perfect manners."

● *There was sympathy among Salisbury's publicans for the plight of the former Prime Minister, Sir Edward Heath, who hosted a garden party for them over the weekend. Over the warm beer, he spoke of the trickle-down effect from the recent sale by Pamela Harriman, the late American Ambassador to France, of the Churchilliana she had accumulated from her first marriage to Randolph, Winston's son. Since the sale, the price of Churchilliana has skyrocketed, leaving Sir Edward, who owns two portraits of Churchill, with massively increased insurance premiums.*

Blank pages

CHAOTIC scenes at the House of Commons yesterday, as Britain's most prominent Asian women descended on Westminster for the launch of *Women of Substance*, a book of biographies. They arrived expecting a light buffet in the Jubilee Room at the Commons, only to find emptiness.

Keith Vaz, MP for Leicester East, had booked the room on behalf of Hansib Publishers, but when the office of the Serjeant at Arms discovered it was for a book launch they stepped in and cancelled the booking. Apparently they were still feeling scorched by the occasion last year when Gerry Adams tried to launch his book in the Commons and was refused after mass outrage at the idea.

Letters of apology went out last Thursday but not everyone received them, leaving one very grand and huffy Asian woman to remark: "We won't be asking Keith Vaz to help out again."

Moi bueno

UNAFFECTED and seemingly undaunted by the ugly goings-on in Kenya is Andrew Morton, author of *Diana: Her True Story* about Diana, Princess of Wales, and now working on a biography of the beleaguered Kenyan President, Daniel arap Moi. Morton has spent some two years researching his authorised life of Moi, and completed his first draft earlier this year. He insists the recent trouble will not necessitate a rewrite.

"I have made several research trips to Kenya," says Morton "and this is merely the culmination of a problem that has been there for years. It is not a crisis — only 15 people have been killed."

Saddle sir

IN recognition of his work on Westminster Cathedral, John Phillips, 70, church architect and Anglican, has been honoured by the Catholic Church with a papal knighthood. As resident architect at the cathedral since 1976, Phillips's projects included panelling the nave in *rosso laguno* marble and erecting a lightning-conductor on the campanile.

After Phillips retired last month, Cardinal Hume recommended to the Vatican that he receive the Equestrian Order of St Sylvester, an honour rarely given to non-Catholics. "It's so exciting," says Phillips, who was invested last week. "Now I'm allowed to tether my horse to the cathedral."

"Who says that prayer doesn't work?"

● *Whales have been making California's Cadillac owners miserable. Their car alarms have been going off spontaneously, their boots flapping open and doors locking and unlocking. Scientists thought the cars were being affected by some kind of military radio signal. Then they sussed it out: the Cadillac's radios shared a frequency with whale song and were responding to the whales conversing deep in the Pacific.*

Censored

IRELAND'S film censor has banned a video featuring Tony Blair's father-in-law, the actor Anthony Booth, *Confessions from the David Galaxy Affair* is one of a series of saucy Seventies films and features a young Booth together with the late Diana Dors and her husband Alan Lake.

Seamus Smith, the censor, said the video "would tend, by reason of the inclusion of obscene or indecent matter, to deprave or corrupt". "It's a bit saucy but otherwise quite a harmless film," says Stephen Rivers, the film's distributor. "Tony, who probably doesn't even know the film has been transferred to video, doesn't take his kit off and isn't involved in any sex scenes."

Anthony Booth and Cherie

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SEMTEX AND SYMBOLS

Why decommissioning matters more than Whitehall thinks

The IRA may have called a ceasefire but republicans are still flourishing their weapons. The timing of the IRA's announcement this weekend was designed to impale David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, on a fork. If Mr Trimble acquiesced in the admission of Sinn Fein to talks with no guarantee that a single bullet would ever be surrendered by the IRA, he would not remain leader of the Ulster Unionist Party for long. If, however, he walked away altogether from talks, republicans would enjoy the pleasure of blaming the representatives of the democratic majority for erecting obstacles to "peace". Not for the first time, however, Mr Trimble has shown himself shrewder than his enemies had hoped and more determined to see negotiations succeed than his opponents allow.

Mr Trimble stressed yesterday that he is not abandoning the talks process, and indeed is broadening it by initiating wider consultation with Northern Ireland's citizens. But he emphasised that the Government's current position on decommissioning remains an impediment to progress. Although Mr Blair has assured the House of Commons that he wants weapons handed over during talks, his Government has provided Sinn Fein with assurances that this would not be required.

The accord on decommissioning reached between the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, and the Irish Foreign Affairs Spokesman, Ray Burke, allows the IRA to sit on its armoury for as long as it pleases. Mr Blair says that he cannot go back on that agreement. But unless he provides a guarantee that decommissioning will occur, Mr Trimble will have no option but to vote against the accord. Mr Trimble, unlike Gerry Adams, is the leader of a democratic party, not a Leninist vanguard.

For many on the mainland the Unionist position on decommissioning seems absurdly stubborn. Surely, they say, even if the IRA chose to hand over a few weapons, it would still retain the capacity to go back to war; the Unionists are exhausting their allies' patience by insisting on the irrelevant. That is a misreading, of the kind that has bedevilled too many Whitehall officials who have brought their maps and rules to Ulster's borders.

Decommissioning weapons, as the Unionist MP Ken Maginnis pointed out yesterday, is the physical symbol of a psychological renunciation of violence. Although one might wish that the people of Northern Ireland could approach the peace process with the detachment of the cosmopolitan rationalist, there would be no need for a peace process if they did. Years of constitutional instability have forced Ulster's citizens to cling to symbols for security, as republicans know well.

Even though the token surrender of armalites could satisfy the demand for decommissioning without affecting military capability, republican strategists still will not contemplate such a course. It would, they believe, send an unacceptable signal to the world, and worse, to their grassroots, that they had definitively decided to abandon the armed struggle. Such a renunciation would entitle Sinn Fein to no more influence over Ulster's future than other minor parties and make its leadership targets for those of its supporters addicted to terror.

It is precisely because the republican leaders are still incapable of taking that risk for peace that Unionists are right to question their good faith, and wise to wait before talking. It is in Mr Blair's interests to ensure that republicans realise that they will have to hand over weapons if they are to shape Ulster's future. This is not just a sop to Unionists but a safeguard against another ceasefire broken and new hopes dashed once more.

WORK TO WELFARE

Why the French are still different

Fifty days after being sworn into office, the French Government has outlined the first instalment of its policies. Faced with the irreconcilable nature of the programme on which they were elected and the Maastricht convergence criteria to which they remain committed, the Socialists have fudged both. Lionel Jospin had pledged an end to austerity if the Gaullists were ejected. But he had also proposed an economic audit to assess the real level of French public-sector debt. The package yesterday placed almost its entire emphasis on corporate taxation. This may technically satisfy past promises but will do little for France.

The audits undertaken by the Finance Minister, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, are the prelude to a full scale mini-Budget scheduled for September. At that point the Government will attempt to implement its wider economic strategy. These plans centre on the creation of 700,000 jobs — half on the public payroll — and the phased introduction of a 35-hour working week without loss of wages. Such a programme has rather more relevance to the 19th than the 21st century. It will also undo whatever progress might be made towards the Maastricht targets. Further increases in all types of taxation are probably inevitable.

The additional costs on companies will be passed on through higher prices or lower employment. The unemployed — some 12 per cent of the prospective workforce or about double that in Britain — had little reason for optimism under the premiership of Alain Juppé. It appears they will have no more under M Jospin. Economic expansion has yet again been sacrificed at the altar of monetary union. If the measures announced had ensured that France met the Maastricht criteria they might have been justified in some quarters. As it is, the Government's own projections suggest that the deficit will still exceed 3 per cent of GDP at the end of 1997.

None of this will end the crisis of instability at the heart of the French political system. It has been 13 years since François Mitterrand abandoned his initial Keynesianism in favour of monetary austerity. In that time four different governments have sought re-election, all of them unsuccessfully. During the same period there have been nine Prime Ministers. On present evidence M Jospin may last little longer than his predecessors. The two consistent features have been continuous high unemployment and a slow but steady rise in support for the extreme-right National Front. Those trends seem unlikely to abate.

The contrast between the British and French Left could hardly be more vivid. Gordon Brown used his opening opportunity to cut corporation tax. M Strauss-Kahn has chosen to increase it. The Chancellor in London is concerned about excessive consumer spending; the Finance Minister in Paris has no such dilemma. Unemployment is falling on one side of the Channel but remains high on the other. The long-term legacy of Labour's first financial statement has been the Welfare-to-Work initiative. In France, the Socialists have assured that thousands more will make that same move in the opposite direction.

NO TRANSLATION

Forward to shortlist, prize and school

In May this year the critic John Carey called for a new book of poetry to be purchased for every school in Britain. Its author was the Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes. Its inspiration was an acknowledged classic of European literature. Its subject was change — physical change, character change, the possibilities of a world in which the impossible was suddenly possible.

This was surely a plea which should have reached the ear of the new Government. What better way to celebrate a neglected British giant, a commitment to traditional education and a transformed political landscape?

Carey's call was not, however, immediately heeded. Tony Blair had other matters on his mind. Gordon Brown, civilised man though he is, may have feared that a £14.99 volume for every school library might be the thin end of a very wordy wedge. So, during Labour's first days of office, Ted Hughes's *Tales from Ovid* has been selling merely briskly, not in the numbers of a bureaucratic bulk purchase.

The judges of the Forward Poetry Prize have now stepped forward to give a further jog to the ministerial elbow. They have ignored the arguments from the garret-dwellers that Mr Hughes hardly needs their £10,000; they have dismissed the cries of the poetry pack that the prize will be barely noticed, still less appreciated, by a man who has won so much before. And they have placed his *Tales from Ovid* on their shortlist.

There is still, however, one small obstacle. Professor Carey may call the work "breathtaking". *The Times*'s own reviewer may describe it as "one of the great works of the century". But the rules of the Forward Prize preclude the entry of translations.

Ovid, himself, would not have seen this as much of a problem. His *Metamorphoses* was a massive mythological work that itself owed much to previous models. If the estates of the Greek poets had had grasping lawyers, Ovid would have faced serious copyright claims. Indeed no Roman poet would have escaped the law courts. Translation, adaptation, transformation, plagiarism and every stage in between: all were part of literary Latin.

When English writers turned to Ovid, the result was a mixture of the plainest translation (works that would never have reached the Forward shortlists of their times) and the most inventive creation (that of Dryden and the 16th-century poet Arthur Golding being supreme). The difference is a matter on which critics and judges may disagree. But Hughes's work, by every account, is a work about transformation that is a transformation in itself.

A metamorphosis is the miraculous change of a subject from one state to another, one shape to another and one part of reality to another. Under the poet's will, humans turn to sea birds, to song birds, to wild flowers, snakes and stars. Metamorphosis allows plot twists worthy of a soap opera and ontological meditations fit for philosophers. As Mr Hughes wrote in *The Times* five years ago, it is "the first principle of poetic creation". Yes, *Tales from Ovid* should be on the shortlist, on the prize-winner's podium — and in every school.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Churches face up to unemployment

From the Bishop of Liverpool

Sir, Those who criticise Church comments on daily realities like to claim that they are made by bishops or clergy who are assumed to live with their heads in the clouds. William Rees-Mogg commenting upon the report of the Churches' inquiry into unemployment ("Bishops buy a job lot", July 17) complains of bishops who support Keynes without having read *The General Theory*.

The working party which produced the report was drawn from all the main Churches in Britain and Ireland, not just the Church of England: it comprised 12 lay people and four clergy. All have wide experience in this vital human field. For example, Andrew Britton, the principal author, came from his distinguished work as Director of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research. William Rees-Mogg does not mention him in his criticisms of the report.

He describes the report as "protectionist", a position quite explicitly rejected by the authors. They say:

It does not seem plausible to us that Britain could stand aside from the globalisation of markets, without becoming increasingly isolated and impoverished.

He equates the policies supported in the report with those adopted in continental Europe. What the report *actually says is quite different:*

The condition of the unemployed in continental Europe cries out for justice just as much as the condition of the working poor in America. To put that right will require major reforms to the European model, not just a few "schemes" which tinker at the edges.

More fundamentally Rees-Mogg is wrong when he says that the cure of unemployment is not a moral issue. The inquiry was set up by the Churches, not just to analyse the trends in the labour market but also to "evaluate the policy options from a Christian standpoint". They have done this with economic sophistication — as most commentators have recognised — and also with deep moral commitment. It is an illusion to suppose that the ends of economic policy can be discussed separately from the means.

To give just one example: when is it right to say to people experiencing unemployment that the receipt of the Job Seeker's Allowance is dependent upon their joining a particular training course? Christianity is not only relevant to the grand design of economic strategy; it is also about the way it is implemented in detail.

I believe the report, *Unemployment and the Future of Work*, has demonstrated that the Churches have their own distinctive contribution to make to these debates, which is different from that of any purely secular political philosophy. I am delighted that the General Synod gave the report such a warm welcome.

Yours faithfully,
†DAVID LIVERPOOL,
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1 Hanover Street, Liverpool 1.
July 20.

From the Reverend Nicolas Stacey

Sir, William Rees-Mogg may be right to rubbish the Church report on unemployment and the future of work adopted by the General Synod of the Church of England.

It would be helpful if he was to write a second article suggesting what policies he would adopt to give employment and so hope to the 26.9 per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds in the Borough of Newham who are currently jobless. Or do we have to admit that nothing can be done to give them a future off the dole?

Yours faithfully,
NICOLAS STACEY
(Chairman),
East Thames Housing Group,
3 Tramway Avenue, E15.
July 17.

Cathedral fabric

From Ms Jane Kennedy

Sir, Dr David King (letter, July 18) asks why the northwestern turrets at Ely Cathedral have not been rebuilt. The whole of the northwestern transept did collapse in the Middle Ages — its replacement now would cost tens of millions of pounds. The dean and chapter have rightly concentrated in recent years on raising funds to repair the standing fabric — an immense task, which we hope to complete for the new millennium.

Considerable thought has now also been put into the provision of much-needed visitor facilities, with the aim of removing the cathedral shop from the rear of the nave aisle and rehousing the refectory (which, despite Dr King's memory, has always been located in a self-contained structure built on the site of the northwest transept).

Wide consultations are being held and a number of alternative locations are being considered. A development on the site of the northwest transept is one possibility; but the needs of the cathedral, the cost of the development, its effect on views of the cathedral and the likely public response, will all need careful consideration.

Yours sincerely,
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(Surveyor to the Fabric of Ely Cathedral),
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(Architects and design consultants),
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Ely, Cambridgeshire.
July 18.

Effect of court fees on justice for all

From Mr Stanley Brodie, QC

Sir, A gratuitous, and irrelevant, assault on so-called "fat cat" QCs is not what one expects of a responsible Lord Chancellor (letters, July 17).

The perfectly legitimate issue raised by Lord Ackner in the Lords debate on July 14 — namely, the protection of the constitutional rights of access of a litigant of modest means from the impact of new and increased court fees — called for a more convincing response than a diatribe against a handful of high-earning QCs out of 8,000 or more practising barristers, the majority of whom rely on legal aid as their source of income. No doubt Lord Irvine of Lairg's remarks were intended for media headlines; they did not meet Lord Ackner's question.

One of the reasons for the increased court fees is doubtless the need to finance the cost of the Lord Chancellor's ever-burgeoning department. From a small office in 1971 it has become an employer of many thousands. Anyone who has had dealings with it cannot help being depressed by its apparent inefficiency and waste.

The Lord Chancellor would impress more were he to announce a far-reaching examination of his own department to ensure that it provides the public with a cost-effective court service. One can hardly charge more for a service without improving its quality and value.

Yours faithfully,
S. BRODIE,
2 Hare Court, Temple, EC4.

From Viscount Bledisloe, QC

Sir, The Lord Chancellor's thesis that it is lawyers' fees, and not court charges, which deter litigants of modest means is strikingly contradicted by the fact that — as I learned from my colleagues — at the very moment when he was making his speech a number of so-called "fat cat" lawyers were considering the plight of a litigant whose lawyers were acting for him free of charge, *pro bono publico*. They had been unable to find money for the court charges which had to be paid before the litigant could pursue his appeal.

I am also concerned with another aspect of the Lord Chancellor's speech. As he himself admitted, he was until his recent appointment happily, or at least regularly, charging these very high fees for his own services. He likened his change of attitude (report, July 15) to the conversion of St Paul: however I doubt that the Deity did in fact appear to Lord Irvine of Lairg on his journey from King's Bench Walk to his spacious apartment in the Palace of Westminster.

It would therefore be interesting to know just what has brought about this dramatic "post-practice remorse", as it was described yesterday in that saint's cathedral, at the memorial service for Lord Taylor. Has it any connection with Lord Irvine's translation from highly risky and pensionless practice at the Bar to the safe haven of an assured salary and a guaranteed life pension?

I am, Sir, your humble
and obedient servant,
BLEDISLOE,
Fountain Court, Temple, EC4.
July 16.

From Mr A. J. Cotton

Sir, The Chairman of the Bar Council (letter, July 17) is right that the substantial fees earned by top lawyers are negotiated at arm's length in a free market, but is quite mistaken if he really believes that these fees "do not affect access to justice for those of modest means".

Having practised as a solicitor in central London for nearly 40 years, I believe that the old adage still applies to almost all those who do not qualify for legal aid, "the courts are open to everyone — like the Ritz Hotel". I also believe that the American system of contingent fees goes a very long way to seeing that deserving cases get justice when otherwise they would not.

Yours etc,
A. J. COTTON,
338 Euston Road, NW1.
July 17.

From Mr David M. Morris

Sir, How lucky we all are to have such an enlightened and altruistic Lord Chancellor, who not only feels able to liken himself to St Paul but who shows such tender and unselfish concern for the welfare of litigants apparently misguided enough to have valued his own services as a QC, and those of his former colleagues, at such an extortionate price.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID M. MORRIS,
9 St Leonards Road, Exeter, Devon.
July 15.

EU and Estonia

From Dr Graham Smith

Sir, In considering Estonia for membership (report, later editions, July 16), the European Union would do well to note that that country denies citizenship to a third of its residents. These are primarily Russian speakers of whom a large proportion were born in Estonia. Equally disconcerting is that since 1992 some 102,000 of them have opted for citizenship of Russia although our programme's research shows that most Russians in Estonia would prefer Estonian citizenship.

For most, the major obstacle to becoming citizens of Estonia is the existence of a language law requiring applicants to pass an Estonian language test, a language very different from Russian and which the majority of ordinary Russian industrial workers who settled in Estonia during the Soviet period were not obliged to learn. The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe has recently encouraged the Estonian Government as a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Article Seven) to grant citizenship to children born in Estonia of non-citizen parents and who would otherwise be stateless. These approaches have so far made no headway in Tallinn.

Estonia's most significant national minority woke up one morning in December 1991 to discover that the country in which they were citizens — the Soviet Union — no longer existed. Should the EU be prepared to admit a country which does not permit large numbers of its inhabitants to vote in national elections and which denies them certain social and civil rights?

If membership of the EU is also about furthering liberal democracy and securing good relations with its eastern neighbour, Russia, then EU countries surely need to exert further pressure on Estonia to put its own house in order before granting it membership.

Yours sincerely,
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July 17.

Tax in Scotland

From the Earl of Perth

Sir, Magnus Linklater's column today on the future Edinburgh Parliament, "A day for Scotland's bravehearts", is, as always, well informed and gives much food for thought. On a single point I reluctantly take issue: "Tax-varying powers would be included but ... their effect would be at best marginal."

Three per cent income tax yields around £450 million, which is marginal only compared to the block grant for Scotland of around £15 billion; its effect on those overseas companies contemplating investing in the UK, however, would surely be to make them look elsewhere in the UK. Indeed companies already long established in Scotland might seek to move, as might individuals. This might well lead to more unemployment in Scotland, with no offsetting carrot to tempt newcomers from overseas.

There will be many, many contentious issues, as Magnus Linklater suggests, to keep the Scottish Parliament fully occupied during its first five years of life. I beg your Scots readers to vote "no" on the second referendum question — "I do/do not agree that a Scottish Parliament should have tax-varying powers" — knowing that such a hugely important issue, which could lead to the break up of the Union, is better considered later — say in the second Parliament. Principle should give way to pragmatism.

Yours truly,
PERTH,
House of Lords.
July 17.

Death of Versace

From Mr Brian North Lee

Sir, Anne McStravick's disapproval of the coverage of Versace's death (letter, July 19) is regrettable. One of the joys of your, and our, paper's coverage in recent years has been an insistence on breaking old barriers over who or what is newsworthy, and it extends also to obituaries of numerous folk who in the past would have totally eluded notice.

Newspapers should and do extend our horizons. "He was only a dressmaker, for heaven's sake" is condescending in the extreme in view of Versace's flair and genius. That I've never been able to afford his creations is immaterial, since I'm too old to do justice to them.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN NORTH LEE,
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Plus factor

From Mr Peter Lant

Sir, Was the statement that a "canal tax" on cyclists of "£12.50 each ... would add £50 to the cost of a cycling holiday for the average family of four" (Travel News, July 17) to demonstrate the writer's mathematical prowess, or based on a perception that your readers are victims of the fall in numeracy standards?

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'Welcome reality' on university costs

From Professor Sir Graham Hills, FRSE

Sir, If indeed students will be required to contribute towards the cost of their undergraduate studies (report and leading article, July 21), then a welcome measure of reality will have entered into the funding of universities. It would, however, be regrettable if this were seen simply as a financial penalty on students and their parents, instead of the first step towards the opening-up of higher education to all.

Two vital ingredients of these new funding arrangements must not be lost sight of. They reveal, for the first time, both the true cost of each student's higher education and the large contribution made by the State towards that cost.

For the latter to be appreciated it has first to be identified and then dignified with the title of bursary or scholarship — something to be thankful for. Then, as the President of the Union of Students has repeatedly stated, the ability to learn will be matched by the ability to pay, and this time for everybody.

The freedom of students to spend their bursaries where they will would, in turn, guarantee the continued independence of the universities and, through simple market forces, the quality of what they provide.

Under these circumstances the Dearing report will be remembered as the opening of the doors to higher education and to everyone who can benefit — the Robbins proposal no less. That being so and seen to be so, new Labour, old Labour and every thinking person should have reason to be pleased.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM HILLS,
Sunnyside of Threepwood,
Laigh Threepwood, Beith, Ayrshire.
July 21.

From Mr Michael McClean

Sir, I believe it self-evident that education is of benefit to a community, and that part of that benefit is the sense of community developed by that education.

Does it not weaken the link between education and the community when a decision to take a university course depends on a judgment determined by the student's personal finances rather than by the priorities of the community?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL McCLEAN,
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July 18.

From Dr B. W. Manley, President of the Institute of Physics

Sir, Simon Jenkins (article, "Payment by degrees", July 9; letter, July 16) suggests that students should pay different tuition fees depending upon what subject they study at university.

Were fees to be related to costs, it would seriously damage science in the UK. Already the number choosing to study science is inadequate to develop our wealth-creating capability; we do not need a further disincentive.

Young people should decide what to study on aptitude and inclination not on what it would cost them. Science is expensive to deliver at university yet our economy depends upon it. We should not tax our young people to pay for a national need.

Yours faithfully,
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BBC and Booker

From Gerald Kaufman, MP for Manchester Gorton (Labour)

Sir, Your Diary today reports that coverage of the Booker Prize ceremony is being transferred from BBC TV to Channel 4 because the BBC demanded payment from Booker towards the costs of transmitting this programme.

Can this be the same BBC which has just renewed the contract with Camelot, whereby the BBC is reported to pay Camelot £550,000 a year for the privilege of advertising that not-exactly-unprofitable organisation?

I trust that this transaction will be remembered when the BBC next comes crawling to Parliament (soon to be the ex-star of the shortly-to-be-executed *Yesterday in Parliament*) for an increase in the licence.

Yours sincerely,
GERALD KAUFMAN,
House of Commons.
July 18.

Floral disarray

From Mrs Maureen Saunders

Sir, I unequivocally agree with the sensible sentiments of the retired members of the clergy: "Never upset the church flower-arrangers" (letter, July 19).

Having been a church flower lady myself for over 20 years, my experience is that we make such an excellent job of upsetting one another that any interference whatsoever is superfluous.

Sincerely yours,
MAUREEN SAUNDERS,
The Gables,
Dorchester Road, Wool, Dorset.
July 19.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 21: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, took the Salute this evening at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this afternoon gave a Luncheon at Frogmore House, Windsor Home Park.

The Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Arrival of The Amir of the State of Qatar and welcomed His Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 21: The Duke of York this morning started the Chemical Dependency Centre Treasure Hunt at The Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, London SW3.

July 21: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this evening attended the Tesco Charity Pro-Am Golf Day at the Royal Automobile Club, Epsom, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Sir Richard Thornton).

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 21: The Prince of Wales this evening visited the Tate Gallery, London SW1, on the occasion of its Centenary.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Temenos Academy, later attended a Concert at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 21: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited Powis Castle and Garden, Welshpool, and was received by Captain Richard Lambert RN (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Powys).

YORK HOUSE
July 21: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, United Kingdom Committee for United Nations Children's Fund, this afternoon attended a Luncheon with the Commonwealth Secretary-General (His Excellency Chief Emeka Anyaoku) at the Royal Over-Seas League, Park Place, London SW1, and this evening attended a Parliamentary Reception at the House of Commons.

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Master, will attend the quarterly court meeting at Trinity House, Tower Hill, at 11.00; and as President Emeritus, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, will give a dinner at Buckingham Palace at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor, London University, will open Phase Two of the Queen Mother Hospital for Animals at the Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hertfordshire at 10.30; and will visit the new facilities of the Police Scientific Development branch at Sandridge, St Albans at 12.45. Later, as Patron, she will take the salute at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court at 7.15.

Princess Margaret, as President, the Guide Association, will visit the "Happy Families" Camp training event at Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hampshire at 3.00; and as Master of the Bench, will attend a farewell dinner for Captain Malcolm Carver on his retirement as Under Treasurer at Lincoln's Inn at 7.10.

The Duke of Kent, as President, the Imperial War Museum, will visit the American Air Museum in Britain, at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

Mr C.S. Gulbenkian

To mark the 42nd anniversary of the death of Mr Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian, a memorial service will be held at The Armenian Church of St Sarkis, Iverna Gardens, London W8, on Sunday, July 27, at noon, after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy which will commence at 11.00am.

Dinner

Lord Congleton
Lord Congleton, Chairman of the Wessex Medical Trust, entertained Southampton University School of Medicine and their guests at dinner last night at the House of Lords to mark the 25th anniversary of the school. Lord Plant of Highfield and Professor Charles George, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Biological Sciences, were the speakers.

Legal appointment

Judge David Pearl to be the President of the Immigration Appeal tribunal, on the retirement of Mr G.W. Farmer. Judge Pearl will take up his post when his successor as Chief Immigration Adjudicator has been appointed.

Birthdays today

Mr Marcus Agius, banker, 51; Mr Peter Allen, former senior partner, Coopers & Lybrand, 59; Dr Sir Reginald Bennett, former MP, 86; Mr Willem Dafoe, actor, 42; Mr Jetmund Engeset, Surgeon to the Queen in Scotland, 59; Miss Julia Farron, a former director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 75; Mr Bryan Forbes, film director and author, 71; Mr Justice Garland, 68; Mr Danny Glover, actor, 50; Lady Grimthorpe, Lady of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 72; Mr Jimmy Hill, sports commentator, 69; General Sir Charles Huxtable, 66; Mrs J.A.G. Kennedy, civil engineer, 47; Miss Bonnie Langford, actress, 33; Professor Sir Ronald Mason, FRS, chemist, 67.

Mr David Quarmby, chairman, British Tourist Authority, 56; Mr Terence Stamp, actor and director, 59; Mrs Alison Willcocks, Head, Bedales School, 45; Mrs Diane Yeo, a former charity commissioner, 52.

SIMON SCHLUTER

Jens Eriksen with his picture of a cattle egret showing its beautiful breeding plumage which won for him the Bird Photograph of the Year 1997 contest. This is the fifth success for Dr Eriksen and his wife Hanne in the competition which is organised by the magazine *British Birds* and sponsored by Canon. He came second in 1993 and 1995; his wife won in 1989 and 1990. Dr Eriksen is Associate Professor of Chemistry at Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, where he took his winning picture

Anniversaries

BIRTHS
Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1st Earl of Shaftesbury, statesman, Wimborne St Giles, Dorset, 1621; Friedrich Bessel, astronomer, Minden, Germany, 1784; Gregor Mendel, pioneer of the study of heredity, Heizendorf, Austria, 1822; the Rev William Spooner, scholar and begetter of "spoonerisms", London, 1844; Frederick William Rolfe (self-styled Baron Corvo), writer, London, 1860; Selman Waksman, discoverer of streptomycin, Nobel laureate 1952, Priluka, Ukraine, 1888; Alexander Calder, sculptor, Philadelphia, 1898; Stephen Vincent Benet, poet, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 1898; Sobhuza II, King of Swaziland 1899-1982, Zombodze, 1899.

DEATHS:
Catherine Philips, poet, London, 1664; John Dalton, poet, Worcester, 1763; Marie François Bichat, physiologist, Paris, 1802; George Shaw, naturalist, London 1813; Giuseppe Piazzi, astronomer, Palermo, 1826; Wilson Barrett, actor-manager, London, 1904; Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical producer, Hollywood, 1932; Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada 1921-26, 1926-30 and 1935-48, Kingsmere, Quebec, 1950; Carl Sandburg, poet and biographer, Flat Rock, North Carolina, 1967.

The Mormons reached the site of Salt Lake City, 1847.

The first round-the-world solo flight (15,596m) was completed by Wiley Post in 7 days 18hr 49min, 1933.

Bread rationing started, 1946.

Memorial service

Mr Brian Wenham

A service of celebration for the life of Mr Brian Wenham, media consultant and journalist, was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Mr Humphrey Burton gave an introduction. Mr Ashley Hill, Ms Mary Hope and Mr Glynne Price gave readings. Mr Alasdair Milne paid tribute and Mr Bob Rowland gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Wenham (widow), Ms Kate Wenham and Miss Lucy Wenham (daughters), Mrs Margery Woolley (mother-in-law), Mr Christopher Davies (brother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Michael Reid (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs David Wenham, Mr Paul Wenham, Mr Geoffrey Woolley, Mr and Mrs Richard Woolley, Mr Richard Rowson, Mr and Mrs Charles Phillips, Mr and Mrs Peter Oliver, Miss Topaz Amoore, Mr Philip Hilborne.

Lady Jane Wellesley, Lady Elizabeth Anson, Lord Holme of Cheltenham, Baroness Jay of Paddington, the Hon Sara Morrison (GEC), the Hon Peter Jay, Sir Michael Checkland, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Sir Paul and Lady Fox, Sir Jeremy and Lady Isaacs, Sir Ludovic Kennedy, Lady (John) Maddox, Sir David and Lady Puttnam, Sir John Drummond.

Sir Christopher Bland (Chairman of the Governors of the BBC) with Mr and Mrs Alan Yentob, Mr Chris Graham (Secretary), Mr Will Wyatt (chief executive, Broadcast BBC), Mr Brian Barfield (managing editor, Radio 3), Mr James Moir (controller, Radio 2), Mr and Mrs Pat Chalmers, Mr David Hatch, Sir Roger and Lady Cary and past and present members of the corporation.

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Church news

Bishop of Southwark retires
The Right Rev Roy Williamson, Bishop of Southwark, is to retire on December 31.

Appointments
The Rev Simon Bessant, Vicar, Blackburn The Redeemer (Blackburn): to be *also* Acting Rural Dean of Blackburn.
The Rev Anthony Bradley, Lay Training Adviser (Coventry): to be Priest-in-Charge, Budbrooke (same diocese).
The Rev Anthony Braddick-Southgate, Assistant Curate, St Laurence, Catford (Southwark): to be Vicar, St Anthony w St Silas, Nunhead (same diocese).
The Rev Graham Holloway, Rector, Babworth w Sutton-cum-Lound (Southwell): to be Associate Priest, Mansfield Woodhouse (same diocese).
The Rev John Howden, Warden, Pleshey Retreat House and Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity, Pleshey (Chelmsford): to be *also* Non-Residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.
The Rev Stuart Lewis, Senior Chaplain and Precentor, Portsmouth Cathedral (Portsmouth): to be Team Vicar, Ross Team Ministry, Ross-on-Wye (Hereford).
The Rev Graham Marcer, Vicar, Balby (Sheffield): to be *also* Rural Dean of West Doncaster (same diocese).
The Rev Julian Raffay, Assistant Chaplain, Derby City General Hospital (Derby): to be Team Vicar, Gleadless (Sheffield).
The Rev George Sarmezey, Curate, Stratton St Margaret w South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren (Bristol): to be Assistant Chaplain, Northampton General Hospital (Peterborough).
The Rev William Stafford-Whittaker, Assistant Curate, The Resurrection, Brighton (Chichester): to be Assistant Curate, St Alban, Holborn (London).
The Rev Richard Stainer, Curate, North Walsham w Antingham (Norwich): to be Rector, Cogenhoe and Great Houghton and Little Houghton w Brafield on the Green (Peterborough).
The Rev Roger Stirrup, Team Rector, Ross Team Ministry (Hereford): to be *also* Priest-in-Charge, Linton w Upton Bishop and Aston Ingham (same diocese).
The Rev Robert White, Vicar, Brentwood St Thomas and Priest-in-Charge, Ingrave St Nicholas and Rural Dean of Brentwood (Chelmsford): to be *also* Non-Residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

Retirements and resignations
The Rev Nicholas Ball, Priest-in-Charge, St Peter, Hall Green (Birmingham) resigned June 2.
The Rev John Brocklebank, NSM, St Margaret, Orford (Liverpool) to retire September 27.
The Rev Neville Foster, Vicar, St Peter, Tile Cross (Birmingham) retired June 30.
The Rev Brian Morris, Priest-in-Charge, Calbourne w Newtown w Shalfleet, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth) to retire August 31.
The Rev Henry Ormerod, Team Rector, North Wingfield Team Ministry (Derby) to retire September 30.
The Rev Patricia Prestney, Chaplain, Benenden School (Canterbury) to resign July 31.
The Rev Nicola Startin, Assistant Chaplain, Midkent Healthcare Trust (Canterbury) to resign July 31.
The Rev Martin White, Vicar, St Peter, Belper (Derby) to resign August 31.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.J. Grinnall and Miss E.J. Perry
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Alan and Sheila, and Emma, eldest daughter of David and Ann.

Major J.A. Lydiard Wilson and Miss C.K. Brown
The engagement is announced between Major Jonathan Lydiard Wilson, the Blues and Royals, son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Lydiard Wilson, of Hollowell Manor, Northamptonshire, and Christiane, daughter of the late Lieutenant Colonel A.K. Brown, MBE, and of Mrs M. Brown, of Foulsham House, Norfolk.

Mr D.C.W. Reynolds and Miss E.J.A. Letts
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Dr Graham Reynolds and the late Mrs Brenda Reynolds, of Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire, and Lizzie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Letts, of Chew Stoke, Bristol.

Marriages

Mr M.P. Burdon and Miss H.F. Don
The marriage took place on July 12, 1997, at St Mary the Virgin, North Elmham, between Mr Mark Burdon, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Burdon, of Harworth, Yorkshire, and Miss Henrietta Don, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Don, of North Elmham, Norfolk.

The bride was attended by Miss Sarah Burdon, Louisa and Geordie Laing, Olivia and William Gibson Fleming. Mr Simon Sayer was best man.

Mr G.W. Kenton and Miss E.M. Earle
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Hippolytus, Ryme Intrinseca, of Mr Geoffrey Kenton, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Kenton, to Miss Elizabeth Earle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Earle. The Dean of Windsor officiated. Mr William Craven played the organ.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alice Geddes and David Arbuthnott. Mr James O'Hegarty was best man.

A reception was held in the garden at Frankham Farm.

Latest wills

Phyllis Eleanor Perrin, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £3,102,907 net.

Lois Mary Jaffray Andrew, of Trevone, Padstow, Cornwall, left estate valued at £1,033,657 net. She left £1,000 each to the Church of St Merryn, Cornwall, St Saviour's Church, Trevone, Cornwall, RNLI, Children's Society, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Arthritis Care, Help the Aged, Save the Children, Oxfam, NSPCC, RSPCA, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and National Trust.

Ruth Ethel Kilian, of Great Baddow, Chelmsford, left estate valued at £975,825 net.

Grete Lissauer, of London NW11, left estate valued at £1,377,041 net. She left £10,000 each to Golders Green Beth Hamedrash Congregation, Jewish Blind Society, Bichur Cholim, Ravenswood Foundation, Kisharon, Jewish Welfare Board, Home for Aged Jews, B'Nai Brith, First Women's Lodge of England - B'Nai Brith Benevolent Fund and Association of Jewish Refugees; £5,000 to the Hillel Foundation.

Lena Sadow, of London W1, left estate valued at £1,892,333 net. She £2,000 to Jewish Home for Aged; £1,000 each to Jewish Blind Society, Jewish Home and Hospital, Jewish Deaf Association, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Heart Foundation Appeal and Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

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BIRTHS

BAUER-SCHLICHTEGROLL - On July 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Carl and Minzi, a daughter, Sophie, a sister for Felix.

CHALKLEY - On 13th July 1997, to Angela (née Montero Corvera) and Philip, a son, Theodore Alexander Montero.

CHARALAMBOUS - On July 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Demetra and Andreas, a son, Marios Costantinos, a brother for Harry, Lisa, Lully and Steve.

CLARK - On July 18th to Jill (née Potter) and Peter, a daughter Rebecca Charlotte Mary.

COOKE - On 17th July, to Liz (Thomas) and Peter, a daughter, Eliza Angharad Mary.

CORTAZZI - On July 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Anne (née Lassen) and William, a son, Carter Christopher, a grandson for Sir Hugh and Lady Cortazzi.

D'ALESSIO - On July 14th 1997, to Beverly (née Lynch) and Giuseppe, a beautiful daughter, Francesca Emma.

DARLINGTON - On 16th July, to Gemma (née Oldfield) and Nigel, a daughter, Sophie Catherine.

DAVISON - On 14th July, to Vanessa (née Lines) and Richard, a daughter, Elizabeth Alice, a sister for Edward, Harriet and Sarah.

FANCY - On July 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Diana and Samir, a beautiful daughter, Amani.

FLYNN - On July 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Amy (née Mazzola) and Tad, a son, James Davis Flynn.

GOTTLIEB - On July 13th at the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth, to Julius and Julie (née Shafran), a beautiful daughter, Angelica Lily Bella; Gratias Deo.

HINGS - On 18th July, to Tom and Victoria, a wonderful daughter, Tara Victoria, a sister for Harry and George.

LAKIN - On July 16th 1997, to Deborah and Stephen, a son, Charles Henry James, a brother for James and Emily.

LEA - On 27th June, to Piers and Annabel, a daughter, Jessica Elizabeth (Jessie), a sister for Hannah.

OSWALD - On 17th July, to Arabella and William, a daughter.

REID - On July 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Lucinda and Malcolm, a daughter, Olivia, a sister for Emily and Charles.

BIRTHS

RUSSELL-STONEHAM - On 19th July 1997, to Pux and Sally, a daughter, Mimi, a sister for Barnaby, Oliver, Toby and Rory.

SCANLON - On July 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Heidi (née Nichols) and John, a son, Andrew, a brother for Anna.

SHIELDS - On July 19th 1997, to Louise (née Holloway) and Jeremy, a son, Edward John Arthur.

TAHOURDIN - On 17th July, to Jean (née Palmer) and Anthony, a daughter, Bridget Grace Megan, a sister for William.

WALLIKER - On June 27th, to Emma and Adam, a daughter, Olivia Louise.

WINTER - On July 13th, to Jackie (née Escott) and Nicholas, a son, James Henry Robert, a brother for George and Miles.

ZABADNE - On July 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Lara (née Mattar) and Khalid, a son, Wissam.

DEATHS

BESSEY - John de M passed away 13th July 1997. The funeral will take place at 2.15 pm Monday 28th July 1997 at West Chapel, Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Flowers and any enquiries to W.S. Bond, 19 Bond Street, Ealing, W5 5AP or donations if desired to Moorfields Eye Hospital or Macmillan Nurses.

BLEVINS - Rosaleen Elliott (née Scott). Died peacefully in hospital on Saturday 19th July. Greatly loved wife, mother and grandmother. The funeral will take place at All Saints Church, West Lavington, at 2.30 pm on Friday 25th July followed by interment. Flowers welcome or if preferred donations to Dorothy House Foundation may be sent c/o Winchcombe Funeral Service, 37 New Park Street, Devizes, tel: (01380) 722500.

BLOIS - Audrey Winifred formerly of Foxcote Grange, Andoversford, Cheltenham, peacefully at Dalecare Nursing Home on 18th July 1997. Mother of Charles, Roddy and Gillian and grandmother of Camilla, Andrew, Susanna, Helen, Alexander, Nicola and Christopher. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium 3.30 pm Friday 25th July. Enquiries to Mason & Stokes, 54 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham (01242 224 877).

DEATHS

BRAMPTON - Heather. On 20th July 1997 in Nether Wallop. Adored mother of Peter and Nicki and much loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Church, Nether Wallop, at midday on Friday 25th July.

BUCKS - The Venerable Michael William, former Director General Naval Chaplaincy Service and Chaplain of The Fleet, on July 20th in The Royal Haslar Hospital. Funeral and Requiem Mass at St Faith's Church, Lee on Solent, 1100 hrs Friday July 25th. Burial to take place on the Isle of Arran at 1130 hrs Wednesday July 30th. There will be no Memorial Service. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to The Wessex Cancer Trust RT Appeal (Chemotherapy Day Unit) or The Parish Centre, St Faith's Church, c/o Mark Mudie, Co-operative Funeral Directors, 147 Stoke Road, Gosport, PO12 1SE. All enquiries (01705) 581032.

CALLIE - (née Baldwin). Peacefully at Barclay Court Residential Home, Cardiff on July 19th Lena Winifred aged 89 years (formerly of Kineton Rd, Grandpoint, Oxford) beloved wife of the late Alf. Resting at the private funeral home of James Pidgeon & Son, 539 Cowbridge Road East, Victoria Park, Cardiff (where floral tributes may be sent) until the funeral on Thursday July 24th service at 9.10am in the chapel. Afterwards to Thornhill Crematorium.

CASSIE - Colin Stewart West died unexpectedly but peacefully on 17th July after showing great fortitude against ill health for some years. Dear husband and father. Flowers for Wednesday 23rd to Freeman Brothers, tel: (01403) 254590.

CLARKE - Joy. On July 18th, peacefully at home. Much loved wife of the late Selwyn and wonderful mother to Felicity and Alexey. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium at 10 am Friday July 25th. No flowers please. Any donations received will be forwarded to Wargrave District Nurses Fund.

De SAUSMAREZ - Christian Elizabeth Ann (née Hedley). On 20th July 1997 in Guernsey, Channel Islands. Dearly loved wife of the late Cecil. All enquiries to Beckfords Funeral Services Limited. Telephone: 01481 64202.

GREENWOOD - On July 19th, peacefully in hospital, John Nelson of Gainford, aged 78, husband of Christina (née Lingford), father of Sally and Peter, grandfather of Sarah, Anna and Johnnie. Funeral Service, Darlington Crematorium at 1.15 pm on Thursday. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Cancer Research c/o Seaton Leng & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, Bondgate, Darlington. "This above all."

HALLADAY - Eric, suddenly at home on Saturday 19th July, aged 67, dear husband of Margaret and father of Claire, Richard and Katharine, loving grandfather of Lucy, Charlotte and Harriet. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's, Corbridge, on Wednesday 30th July at 2pm.

HANNAM - Eric James Stanley, peacefully after a long illness, dear husband of Betty and loving father of Mark, Sarah and Judith. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, at 12 noon on Friday 25th July. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Alzheimers Disease Society, c/o T A Ellement & Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner.

HAY OF PARK - Lady Rosemary Evelyn "Anne", widow of the late Sir Arthur Hay of Park, Baronet and daughter of Vice Admiral Aubrey and Mrs Lambert, died peacefully on July 19th, at Moorhouse Nursing Home, Hindhead. Remembered with love by Michael, Loveday, John, Anna, Eva, and Jeannie. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Crondall, on Thursday, July 24th at 3.30pm. No flowers please, but donations to The Royal National Lifeboat Institution c/o G.M. Luff & Partners, 84 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 1JH.

HIGGINS - Ana Miranda, aged 32. Died peacefully on 20th July 1997 at the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, after a valiant fight against cancer. Beloved elder daughter of John and Muriel of Mar Lodge, Stirling, adored sister of Imogen, wonderful aunt to Clementine. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday 25th July at 4 pm, followed by a party in accordance with Ana's wishes (details on the day). Donations to Oncology Fund (RCC) c/o Jean Stirling, Charing Cross Hospital, W6 8RF.

HORNE - Cherry Jean Scott (née Davidson) peacefully at home with her family 19th July. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service Friday 25th July 11.30 am St Anne's Church, Baslow. Donations Derbyshire Dales Home Farm Trust.

JACKSON - At home on July 18th 1997, John Peter FRCS. Beloved husband of Joan, proud and loving father of Peter and Mark, father-in-law of Christine, Grandpa of Sophie and Charlotte. Cremation at Mansfield on Monday July 28th at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations appreciated to British Heart Foundation c/o G. Rhodes & Sons, Main Street, Farnsfield, Notts.

MANWELL - Barbara Gwynne 19th July 1997 peacefully at Fron Yw Nursing Home, near Denbigh and of Cwm Road, Dyserth, North Wales, aged 83 years. Widow of the late Dr. Liam Manwell, beloved mother of Dr. Carol Manwell. Funeral Service at St Michael's Parish Church, Trelawnyd, on Friday 25th July at 2 pm, followed by interment in the churchyard. Floral tributes welcome. All enquiries to Tegid O. Jones & Son, 232 High Street, Prestatyn, tel: (01745) 853949.

McGLASHAM - On 18th July 1997 Max, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, U.C.L., much loved, loving, and demanding, husband of Susan, in hospital in Uckfield. Funeral at Christ Church, Fairwarp, at 2.30 pm on Monday 28th July. All friends will be very welcome at the church, but family flowers only, please. A Memorial Service in London later will be announced. Cooper & Sons, 13 Newtown, Uckfield are the Funeral Directors.

METZNER - On 15th July 1997 Roger Reginald Cyril of South London passed away suddenly, father of Kevin. Funeral Service at South London Crematorium, Streatham, on Thursday 14th August at 12.15 pm. No flowers. Donations to Battersea Dogs Home c/o Rowland Bros., 44 High Street, Purley CR8 2AA or tel: (0181) 660-5547.

MOLE - Suddenly in St Thomas' Hospital, London on 17th July 1997 Group Captain Edward Lucas Mole Ret'd, B Sc., F.R.Ae.S., C.R.Ae.C. aged 90 years. Beloved husband of Elisabeth, much loved father of Jackie, and Grandfather of Thomas. His funeral will take place on August 7th 12.30 pm at Grantham (Lincs) Crematorium. No flowers. Donations if desired for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund c/o David Holland & Son, London Road, Grantham, NG31 6HW.

NEWALL - Mary (née Foster), aged 80, died peacefully on 16th July 1997 after a sudden short illness. Beloved wife of the late Freddie Newall (RA ret'd). She will be greatly missed by her family Di and Jo, David and Christopher and by all those who treasured her friendship. Cremation private. A Service to celebrate her life will be held on Monday 28th July 1997 in the Church of St Margaret, Underriver, near Sevenoaks at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only; donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

POTTER - On March 8th 1997 Florence of Cambridge, widow of Herbert Gordon Potter aged 86 years. Cremation has taken place at Cambridge.

ROGER - Alan Stuart, peacefully on 15th July, aged 88 years at Royal Berkshire Hospital after a courageous six months whilst recovering from a stroke. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel), on Monday July 28th at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, for Trinity Hospice. Enquiries and donations may be sent c/o A B Walker & Son Ltd Funeral Directors, Eldon House, 36 Eldon Road, Reading, RG1 4DL. Tel 0118 957 3650. A Memorial Service will be held in London at a date to be arranged later in the year.

SAVAGE - Dorothy Mary died peacefully on 16th July aged 84 years. Widow of Kenneth, she was much loved by her son Richard, daughter-in-law Budgie and grandchildren Tom, Emma and Sam. She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. Her funeral service will be held on Monday 28th July at 9.30 am at St Thomas More Church, 380 Lordship Lane, Dulwich SE22 8ND. Family flowers only please, donations to R.N.I.B.

SCOLEY - John Charles on Friday 18th July 1997 at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Funeral Service at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich at 5.30 pm on Friday July 25th. Enquiries to Murrell Cork, North Walsham, tel: (01692) 402059.

STEDALL - On 15th July 1997, Nancy Stedall the beloved wife of the late Oliver. Funeral Service has taken place. Donations if desired for Katharine House Hospice c/o J&M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury OX16 8DG.

STOKES - On 19th July 1997 The Reverend Dom Godfrey Stokes OSB, Monk of Elmore Abbey aged 93 years, and in the 53rd year of his profession. Requiem and Funeral at Elmore Abbey on Tuesday 29th July at 11 am.

STRONG - At home in Edinburgh on July 20th 1997 Moira Strong (née Heaney) beloved wife of John, much loved mother of Anthony, Elizabeth and Jane and a dear grandmother. Funeral private.

THOMPSON - On March 29th 1997 John Alan of Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge, aged 60 years. Interment has taken place at Fulbourn, Cambridge.

THORPE - David died peacefully, after a courageous fight, on July 16th at St. George's, Tooting. Funeral to take place at Our Lady of Lourdes, Haslemere on Monday 28th July at 1pm. Flowers, or donations to The British Heart Foundation c/o G.M. Luff & Partners Ltd, 84 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 1JH.

WAITES - Gerry, died peacefully, July 20th, beloved husband of Sonja, father of Jinky, brother of Susan, stepfather of Michael, much loved. Private cremation.

WHITE - John Foster, suddenly at home in Ealing W5 on 16th July 1997. Aged 75. Well known for many years in the publishing and literary world. Funeral on Monday 28th July at St Matthews Church, Ealing Common, 1.45 pm. No flowers, but donations to St Matthews via W.S. Bond, 19 Bond Street, Ealing W5. Tel: 0181 567 0422.

WHITEHURST - At his home on 17th July Thomas Henry Neville Whitehurst O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 92. Loved and loving husband of Betty and his daughter Ann. No flowers please. Cremation private.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

ELLIS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jean Bruce Maitland Ellis O.B.E. will be held in King's College Chapel, University of Aberdeen, on Tuesday July 29th at 2.15pm. Retiring collection for Grampian & Islands Families Trust (G.I.F.T.), donations may be sent to Mrs May Vobes, Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital, Cornhill Road, Aberdeen.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BAILEY - Jonathan BSc RICS. On 22/7/83 aged 23. Remembered always.

ECCLES - Jason Michael. Died 22nd July 1990 aged 21 years. Always with us and loved so very much. God Bless darling. Mummy, Julia, David and family.

FISHER - Professor Emeritus F.J. Born July 22nd 1908. Remembered always. Barbara, Teresa and Matthew.

LEANSE - L. Gerald 21st July 1980. Seventeen years on - in my heart forever. Sheelagh.

SYMONS - William John, 11th December 1901 (Newlyn) to 22nd July 1972 (Devon). Major DCLI, Indian Army (Saugor, CP), MBE. Beloved husband and father. In him we met the wisdom and strength of Christ.

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SIR GARFIELD BARWICK

Sir Garfield Barwick, AK, GCMG, barrister, politician and judge, died in Sydney on July 13 aged 94. He was born on June 22, 1903.

It was Sir Robert Menzies, who had himself progressed from legal eminence to become a towering figure in Australian politics, who declared in 1974, of the man he had named Commonwealth Attorney-General 16 years earlier: "He was never any good in Parliament — he didn't understand Parliament. He was a disappointing politician. But he was a good lawyer."

This might seem an ungenerous verdict, but it was as nothing compared to the vituperation heaped upon Garfield Barwick by the Australian Left for his involvement in the dismissal of the Whitlam Government in 1975. This earned him the description "the greatest legal hate-figure since Judge Jeffreys". The sacked Prime Minister Gough Whitlam never spoke to Barwick again, regarding him as only marginally less culpable than the detested Sir John Kerr, who as Governor-General had actually *done the deed*.

This, the greatest political sensation in Australian history to date, was sparked off by the call from the Leader of the Opposition Malcolm Fraser for Kerr to dismiss the Government because it could not get essential financial legislation through the Senate. Barwick, as Chief Justice, advised Kerr that such an unprecedented step was within the powers of the office. The fact that he also told Kerr that he should proceed with the action, rather than merely give his legal opinion, was held by Labour supporters to be an abuse of public office, and he was never forgiven. But in his 1995 memoir, *A Radical Tory*, Barwick insisted that he had been correct both in his advice and actions.

If this was the most dramatic of Barwick's legal activities over a long career, it was only the last in a series of events in which he made headlines and became a public figure, despite his modest and slightly improbable origins.

Garfield Edward John Barwick exemplified the conformity of Non-conformity. He was a lower middle-class boy brought up in the ethos of Methodist concern for careful standards and hard work which played so significant a part in the Australia of his day. The son of a jobbing printer, he grew up in the harbourside district of Double Bay, when it was a mix of market gardens, fishermen's shacks, sandy scrub, and a few mansions — a far cry from today's affluent Sydney suburb.

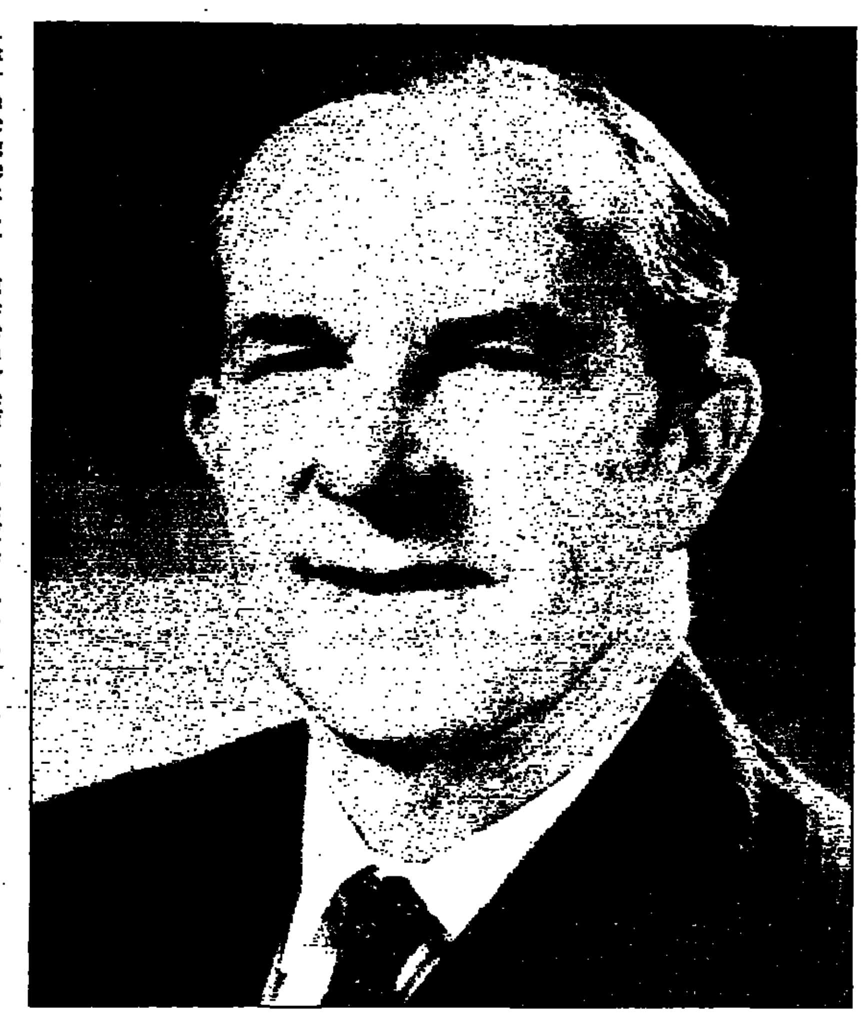
His mother was his inspiration, urging him to "make something of himself", as he went — often barefoot — to a local state school, and then to Fort Street High School. Barwick was to say half a century later that he always remembered the school motto, "Each man is the maker of his own fortune".

The industrious student won a scholarship to Sydney University, studying arts and then law, before being called to the New South Wales Bar in 1926. Short of stature and unimpressive of feature, he learnt to overlay his native toughness with a necessary veneer of social graces. But he could be ferocious in court, willingly taking on senior luminaries of his profession with no thought as to their status. In an early case he demolished a leading KC, who returned to his chambers cursing "that bloody little thug".

Barwick, like so many Australians, was hit by the Depression, after standing guarantor for his brother Douglas, who opened a service station. The business failed and, after Barwick unsuccessfully sought time to pay money owed to Shell Oil, he was made bankrupt. He worked hard to restore his financial position — but he did not forget. One contemporary suggested the decision probably cost Shell many thousands of pounds over the years — "Gar Barwick was a bloody good hater".

He practised extensively in all jurisdictions of the State Supreme Court, the Commonwealth High Court, and the Privy Council, being appointed a KC in 1941. He was to serve as president of the NSW Bar Association, 1950-52 and 1955-56, and a member of the Law Council of Australia, 1952-54.

During the war years, Barwick became



involved increasingly in litigation, challenging security and other regulations brought down by the Commonwealth Government, on the grounds that they fell outside its constitutional power. Repeated appearances before the High Court, involving critical study of the constitution, quickly brought him the reputation of a pre-eminent constitutional lawyer.

He leapt to the front rank when the Chifley Labour Government of 1945-49 decided the economy could no longer be left to the mercies of private banks — whose policies during the Depression had been bitterly resented. In 1947 he brought down a Bill to provide for the transfer of all Australian private banks to public ownership.

The banks challenged the action in the High Court, with Barwick, although a relatively junior KC, leading for them to some effect. When the court found for the banks, the Government appealed to the Privy Council, its case argued in London by another well-known lawyer-politician, H. V. Evatt, later leader of the Labour Party. But in July 1949 the decision was upheld, and the setback to Chifley's policy had much to do with the Government's decisive defeat in the December election, bringing in the Menzies administration and 23 years of non-Labour rule.

Barwick's six-day address to the Privy Council was highly praised. Sir Walter Monckton, counsel for the English banks, went so far as to comment: "I have been appearing in the appeal courts for 25 years, and I have never heard anything to equal that". If he had wanted to have a career at the English Bar, he could certainly have done so.

Curiously, Barwick had first become known to his home public through a very different case involving Australia's Archibald Prize for art. In 1943 this prize for portraiture had been awarded to William Dobell for a painting of a fellow Australian artist, Joshua Smith, which showed a bizarrely emaciated character, quite unlike standard public life portraiture. Conservative Australia deplored the choice, and two artists went to law claiming the work was a caricature and therefore ineligible. The appeal was rejected, but all Australia followed the proceedings with glee, and Barwick for the appellants became instantly known for the vigour of his argument. The 1950s saw Barwick widely regarded as the leading counsel in Australia.

In 1958 at Menzies's urging, he stood for the NSW seat of Parramatta and entered the Federal Parliament, with many Liberal Party supporters believing he might in time succeed Menzies. But Barwick was not especially effective in the House of Representatives. The deals necessarily done behind the scenes did not suit his professional or personal inclinations. He was also uneasy at social gatherings, always obligatory for any politician.

Nevertheless, he soon became Attorney-General and in 1961 he was appointed Minister for External Affairs, for a couple of years actually combining the two roles. He led Australian delegations to the UN, but he faltered when Indonesia took over West Irian (West New Guinea), failing to make any proper protest against what was clearly an illegal move under international law.

He was on the whole relieved to quit politics in 1964 to become Chief Justice. Having been appointed before the introduction of a retiring age, he remained for a record term of 17 years, stepping down finally at the age of 78.

He was widely regarded as a conservative literalist who adhered strictly to the letter of the law, rather than seeing it as a platform on which to develop civil liberties or reform. He also was widely criticised for his insistence that payment of tax was a legal issue, not a moral one, and for upholding the right to tax avoidance schemes, a decision blamed for sparking a spate of national tax-dodging. But he was given much credit for replacing confusing individual state divorce laws with a unified federal approach, and for laying the foundations for modern trade practice law. With a touch of irony, given his original leap to fame, Barwick was a prime mover in ending the role of the Privy Council in Australian law (the last Australian appeal was heard in 1987).

While he was demonised by many, and his self-esteeem verged on vanity, friends found him a good companion, with a drily whimsical sense of humour. Barwick found relaxation as gardener, fisherman and yachtsman. A member of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, he had the sloop *Anitra V* built in 1956, and sailed her in 12 Sydney-Hobart races, winning in 1957 and finishing second three times.

Virtually blind for his last ten years through diabetes, Barwick was patron of the Australian National Council for the Blind. He was Chancellor of Sydney's Macquarie University, 1967-78. He was knighted in 1953, appointed GCMG in 1965 and a Knight of the Order of Australia (AK) in 1981. He married Norma Symon in 1929; she and their son and daughter survive him.

THE REV SHELAGH BROWN

The Rev Shelagh Brown, author and editor, died after a fall at her home on June 29 aged 67. She was born on February 23, 1930.

BY THE death of Shelagh Brown the Church of England has lost one of its best-known women priests. Her work as editor of the Bible Reading Fellowship's daily notes was familiar to some 85,000 regular subscribers. She was also the author of a number of popular religious books, including *Value Me*, *Feeding on God* and *Lent for Busy People*, and general editor of the *People's Bible Commentary* series.

Shelagh Margaret Brown was born in London but grew up in Oxford, where she attended Oxford High School. Her first career was as a personal assistant, working successively for Sir Edward Boyle, Sir Jock Logan and Professor Sir Norman Anderson, and for a time in the press office at Buckingham Palace. During her time in London, having earlier rejected the formal religion of her upbringing, she came back to the Christian faith through a powerful conversion experience.

Following training on the Southwark Ordination Course she was made a deaconess in 1980 and ordained deacon in 1987, serving in parishes in the London and Southwark dioceses. From 1986 to 1989 she was Director of Archbishop Coggan's Training Service Centre, an appointment which recognised her skill as a motivator and teacher.

However, Shelagh Brown's full potential was not realised until she joined the staff of the Bible Reading Fellowship in 1991, and especially after her ordination to the priesthood in 1994. On the day of the final debate in General Synod on the ordination of women she made a melancholy note in her diary. She was convinced that the measure would fail to achieve the necessary vote, and she wrote that, should it do so, she would feel bound to leave the ministry of the Church of England.

It did not fail and she stayed, spending some of the most creative years of her life as editor of the widely read BRF daily notes, and as the author of a number of perceptive devotional books. She also discovered and nurtured several new authors, and encouraged others to attempt books for which, in truth, they had neither the time nor the inclination. As the Bishop of Maidstone — one of her authors — recently observed, she did not know the meaning of the word "No". But from her determination came unexpected treasures, as busy people found time that they did not know they had to share experiences and insights that their editor had decided should become public property.

Shelagh Brown was a woman of tremendous energy and flair, full of ideas (some of them quite impractical) and with the determination to make things happen. In 1996 she launched an ambitious project to publish a popular, accessible commentary on every book of the Bible. The first five titles, by an international and ecumenical team of distinguished scholars, are a tribute to her professional skills. The remaining titles, over the next six years, will be a fitting memorial to her vision.

The sole child of parents who were themselves only children, she had no close family and did not marry. She was once, she recalled, rescued by her mother from a dangerous liaison in Rome. But she enjoyed a wide circle of friends, and her dinner parties were legendary. She died following a fall at home, as she hurried to open the door to dinner guests. She left no instructions as to the hymns or readings at her funeral but very precise directions as to what should be served at the reception to be held afterwards — Lanson Black Label champagne.

ALAN CHARIG

Alan J. Charig, curator of fossil reptiles and birds at the Natural History Museum, 1961-87, died on July 15 aged 70. He was born on July 1, 1927.

DINOSAURS have never been so popular with the public as they are today, and much of this is thanks to Alan Charig's efforts in the 1970s. He wrote and presented a 10-part BBC series on vertebrate palaeontology, *Before the Ark*, in 1974, which did much to kindle interest and to inspire many who now work in the field. *A New Look at the Dinosaurs* (1979) was translated into several languages.

Charig was a research scientist in the department of palaeontology at the Natural History Museum, working principally on dinosaurs and their immediate Triassic ancestors, but also on topics as varied as limbless amphisbaenians ("worm-lizards") and a gastropod mollusc from Fiji.

Evolutionary theory and classification were strands through most of his work: he enjoyed vigorous and often heated debates opposing the gradual and now almost universal adoption of phylogenetic systematics and cladistic classification by vertebrae palaeontologists.

He was educated at Haberdashers' Aske's School in Hampstead and Emmanuel College, Cambridge. His undergraduate education was interrupted by National Service in the Royal Armoured Corps, first as a tank driver, then as a Russian interpreter in Germany from 1946 to 1948.

On graduating in zoology in 1951, he remained at Cambridge as a postgraduate student, and gained a PhD in 1956 on Triassic archosaurs from Tanganyika (now Tanzania). After a short spell as lecturer on the Gold Coast (now Ghana), he took up a post in invertebrate palaeontology at the Natural History Museum in 1957. There he remained, moving to a position suiting his interest in reptiles in 1961. He was promoted to principal scientific officer in 1964.

He organised and led joint museum expeditions with other institutions to many parts of the world: to Zambia and Tanzania in 1963, to Lesotho in 1966-67 (when the oldest articulated fossil mammal skeletion was discovered in rocks of the early Jurassic age), and to Queensland in 1978 (turning up one of the geologically earliest herrings).

A British Council scheme afforded him a privileged visit to China in 1979, which was the forerunner of a field expedition to Sichuan Province in 1982 in conjunction with the Institute of Vertebrate Palaeontology and Palaeoanthropology in Beijing. That trip was the most fascinating of his many foreign experiences: but in the following year a rather less exotic location — a brick-pit near Ockley, Surrey — provided the most exciting research project of his career: a unique fish-eating dinosaur, *Baryonyx walkeri*, from the early Cretaceous period.

Life at the museum suited Charig well. A gregarious and sociable man, he enjoyed meeting the public, especially children, and was an accomplished and entertaining lecturer with a gift for explaining complex science simply.

He made many original scholarly contributions to dinosaur science, including an hypothesis to explain the unusual pelvic structure in plant-eating dinosaurs which he referred to informally as "the femur knocking on the pubis problem". In the mid 1980s he found himself defending the museum's most famous fossil, the original specimen of the earliest known bird, *Archaeopteryx*, the authenticity of which was challenged by Sir Fred Hoyle. Charig and other members of the staff were accused of concealing the alleged forgery, but he responded with a robust and thorough refutation.

Following his retirement in 1987, he continued to do research at the museum, taking up a two-month research fellowship awarded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. More recently his travels had taken him on an arduous tour of fossil sites throughout Argentina. At the time of his death he was in full flow, working on several long-term projects, notably the description of one of the earliest plant-eating dinosaurs, *Scelidosaurus*, from Dorset.

Alan Charig's wife, Marianne, died in 1987. He is survived by a daughter and two sons.

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OPENING of LONDON BRIDGE by the KING.

Yesterday the London Bridge Committee assembled at the Guildhall, for the purpose of making arrangements for the 1st of August, the day on which His Majesty is to open the new bridge...

The Royal tent is to be pitched at the London side of the bridge, near to the place on which Fishmongers'-hall stood, and will command an unobstructed view of the whole line of road to the Southwark side. The Royal table will be laid for about 20 persons. On the left of it, extending to one of the entrances from Thames-street, will be laid two tables for the noble persons who will accompany their Majesties. One of those tables will be laid for 68, the other for 76 individuals. A large space will be left open at the right of the Royal tent, it being the intention of their Majesties to disembark at the Grand-wharf, on the right of the bridge, and the committee having appointed that the procession shall go forward from that spot at the moment their Majesties land. A double row of tables will be ranged on each side of the wide space through which the procession is to pass, for the accommodation of the other visiters [sic], who are to be admitted to the number of 1,560. The awning which is to be placed over the long table will extend to the length of about 400 feet. There are to be three roofs to the large awning, so that the company will be as effectually secured against bad weather as if they were to be shut up in the Guildhall, which the art of man never could make worthy of a comparison with the scene which will be presented on the 1st of August, on London-bridge, the river, and in the surrounding neighbourhood. Flags and colours, with emblems and devices, will wave above the heads of the company, and cannon will be fired at intervals. Bands of music will, in various parts of the arena, perform during the ceremony; and every thing that can contribute to render the spectacle delightful to the public will be done, at least so far as the committee may be able to *satisfy the public curiosity*...

Their Majesties are to go on board the Royal barge at Whitehall; and the procession on the Thames is to be as follows:- First advances the Trinity-house barge; next the Vitualling-board barge, and then follow in order the Navy Board's barge, the Treasurer of the Navy's barge, the Board of Ordnance barge, the Commander in Chief of the army's barge, the Admiralty barge, the Lords of the Treasury's barge.

The Royal Barge.

the Royal Family's barge, the barge of the Lords and others in attendance upon His Majesty.

From Somerset-house to London-bridge, barges splendidly decorated, will be moored on each side of the river, and between the barges so moored, room will be left for the small boats, so that immense number of persons will be enabled to see the water procession, which, it is expected, will be infinitely more grand, as it will be infinitely more extensive, than the procession on the bridge. The barges of all the companies will be ranged near the bridge splendidly decorated...

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IMF tells Brown to raise taxes

■ Gordon Brown is being warned that he may have to increase taxes on consumers, possibly by extending VAT, in the first international assessment of Labour's running of the economy.

An International Monetary Fund team, which has spent the past ten days talking to the Chancellor, the Treasury and the City also cast doubts on plans for a minimum wage, saying it would be a "blunt instrument" .... Page 1

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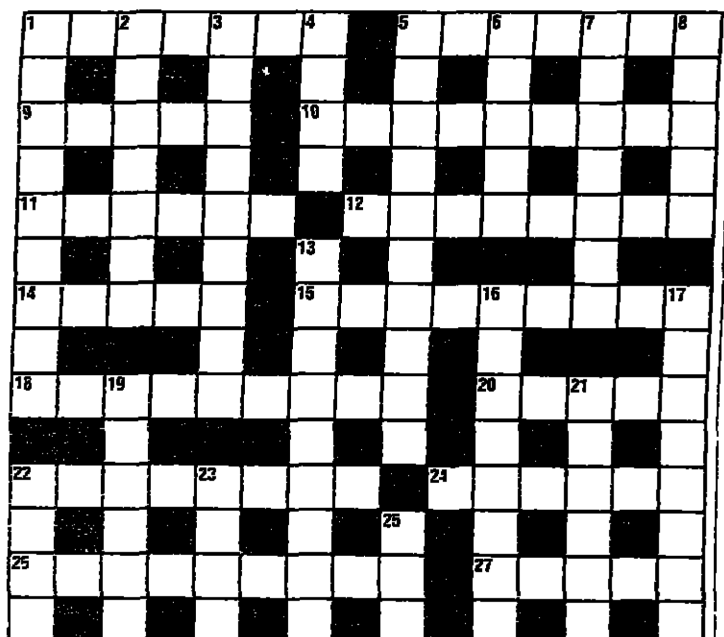

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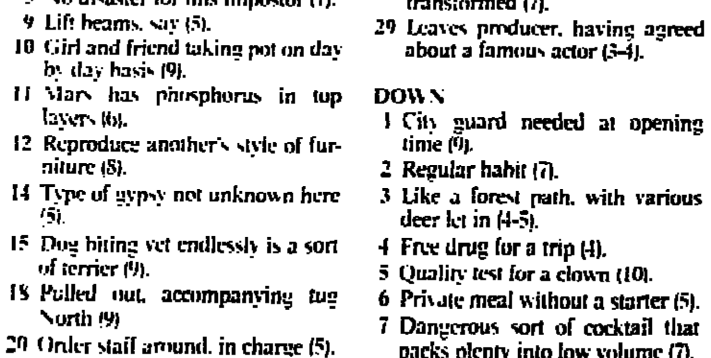
28 Kept quiet about volunteers being transformed (7).
29 Leaves producer, having agreed about a famous actor (3-4).

DOWN

1 City guard needed at opening time (9).
2 Regular habit (7).
3 Like a forest path, with various deer let in (4-5).
4 Free drug for a trip (4).
5 Quality test for a clown (10).
6 Private meal without a starter (5).
7 Dangerous sort of cocktail that packs plenty into low volume (7).
8 Seek after this composer, we hear, for children to play (5).
13 Firm base for cutting money to directors (10).
16 Special first-class inn, kind that's used by artists (6,3).
17 Runner joining people on gymnastic apparatus (9).
19 Deliberated, however, ahead of time (7).
21 Coach running alone on track (7).
22 Church music holding second prize (5).
23 Game where East has an opening (5).
25 Love having no additional effect (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,537



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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises [illegible] Sun sets [illegible]
Moon sets 8.12 am Moon rises 10.15 pm
Last quarter July 26
London 9.03 pm to 5.11 am
Bristol 9.13 pm to 5.21 am
Edinburgh 9.[illegible] pm to 5.01 am
Manchester 9.21 pm to 5.1[illegible] am
Penzance 9.19 pm to 5.39 am

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FORECAST

□ **General:** most of the country will be warm and sunny, although there will be isolated afternoon showers, mainly over western hills and Northern Ireland. Cloud and fog on North Sea coasts will lift slowly to allow a little sunshine this afternoon, but cloud will return to the Norfolk and Lincolnshire coasts to give some light rain

□ **London, SE, Cent S & Cent N England, Midlands:** early morning mist soon clearing to leave a dry day with plenty of warm sunshine and a light northerly wind. Max 25C (73F)

□ **E Anglia, E England:** dull and misty becoming warm and sunny, although cloud and patchy light rain will affect the east this afternoon. Light to moderate northerly wind. Max 24C (75F), cooler on the coast.

□ **Channel Isles, SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** mostly dry with sunshine and just a small chance of an isolated shower over high ground. A light and variable wind. Max 25C (77F) but cooler on the coast.

□ **NE England:** cloud and mist retreating to the coast to leave warm, sunny spells inland. A light north-easterly wind. Max 22C (72F): cooler on the coast

□ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** a misty start, but becoming warm and sunny inland. Coasts may stay dull. A light south-easterly wind. Max 23C (73F): cooler on the coast.

□ **SW & NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** early mist clearing to leave a sunny day with just a small threat of isolated afternoon showers. Max 24C (75F)

□ **Outlook:** warm, dry and sunny in most places but central and eastern England will be cloudier and cooler with showers

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm. b = bright; c = cloud; d = drizzle; ds = dust storm; du = dull; f = fair; fg = fog; g = gale; h = hail; r = rain; sh = shower; sl = sleet; sn = snow; s = sun; t = thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.5	-	22	72	s
Anglesey	13.8	-	23	73	s
Aspetria	12.8	-	23	73	s
Aviemore	11.4	-	26	79	s
Belfast	14.0	-	25	77	s
Birmingham	14.2	-	[illegible]	[illegible]	s
Bognor R	15.1	-	23	73	s
Bournem'th	12.5	-	22	72	s
Bristol	13.0	-	27	81	s
Buxton	13.9	-	23	73	s
Cardiff	13.3	-	24	75	s
Cromer	4.1	-	[illegible]	63	b
Dunbar	[illegible]	-	17	63	s
Eastbourne	15.8	-	21	70	s
Edinburgh	9.1	-	20	68	s
Eskdalemuir	8.5	-	25	77	s
Exmouth	12.9	-	21	70	s
Falmouth	12.3	-	21	70	s
Fishguard	12.4	-	22	72	s
Folkestone	14.5	-	24	75	s
Glasgow	8.7	-	26	79	s
Guernsey	12.5	-	21	70	s
Hastings	13.7	-	21	70	s
Hove	12.4	-	23	73	s
Hunstanton	6.9	-	18	64	b
Isle-of-man	14.3	-	21	70	s
Isle-of-wight	13.7	-	22	72	s
Jersey	13.5	-	24	75	s
Kinloss	7.4	0.09	19	66	sh
Leeds	13.4	-	25	77	s
Lerwick	1.5	0.01	15	59	c
Leuchars	5.6	-	18	64	s
Littlehmptn	14.3	-	21	70	s
London	14.2	0.01	24	75	s
Lowestoft	9.9	-	21	70	s
Manchester	10.5	-	24	75	s
Margate	7.7	-	20	68	s
Minehead	13.1	-	24	75	s
Morecambe	14.1	-	24	75	s
Newcastle	13.0	-	23	73	s
Newquay	7.2	-	21	70	s
Norwich	10.4	-	23	73	s
Oxford	10.5	-	24	75	s
Penzance	X	-	22	72	s
Poole	11.6	-	25	77	s
Prestatyn	X	-	26	79	s
Ross-o-wye	11.5	-	25	77	s
Salcombe	12.2	-	22	72	s
Saunton Snd	10.6	-	26	79	s
Scarboro'	15.1	0.01	18	64	s
Shrewsbury	12.9	0.01	23	73	s
Skegness	9.5	-	18	64	s
Southend	12.5	-	21	70	s
Southport	11.2	-	24	75	s
Swanage	12.8	-	21	70	s
Teignmouth	12.9	-	21	70	s
Tenby	9.9	-	21	70	s
Torquay	13.6	-	23	73	s
West-s-mare	X	-	27	81	s
Weymouth	13.0	-	21	70	s

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Corfu	28	82	s
Akrotiri	32	90	s	C'phagn	24	75	f
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dublin	19	66	f
Algiers	27	81	f	Dubrovnik	23	73	f
Amst'dm	23	73	f	Faro	29	84	s
Athens	32	90	s	Florence	27	81	s
B Aires	15	59	f	Frankfurt	21	70	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Funchal	24	75	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	22	72	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	25	77	s
Barcelona	26	79	s	Helsinki	20	[illegible]	s
Beirut	31	88	s	Hong K	29	82	c
Belgrade	24	75	f	Innsbrck	17	63	f
Berlin	16	61	r	Istanbul	29	84	s
Bermuda	29	84	f	Jeddah	35	95	s
Biarritz	24	75	f	Jo'burg	17	63	s
Bordeaux	26	79	f	L Angels	21	70	f
Brussels	19	66	f	L Palmas	25	77	s
Budapst	19	66	c	Le Tquet	20	68	f
Cairo	35	95	s	Lisbon	31	88	s
Cape Tn	14	57	c	Locarno	26	79	s
Ch'church	10	50	r	Luxembg	16	61	f
Chicago	23	73	s	Luxor	40	104	s
Cologne	20	68	s	Madrid	29	84	s

	C	F			C	F	
Majorca	26	79	f	Rome	26	79	s
Malaga	27	81	s	S Frisco	19	66	s
Malta	32	90	f	S Paulo	26	79	c
Melb'rne	12	54	c	Salzburg	18	64	c
Mexico C	22	72	f	Santiago	19	66	s
Miami	30	86	r	Seoul	31	88	c
Milan	28	82	s	Sing'por	33	91	f
Montreal	22	72	s	St'kholm	26	79	s
Moscow	25	77	f	Strasb'rg	22	72	f
Munich	17	63	f	Sydney	15	59	s
N Delhi	29	84	f	Tangier	31	88	s
N York	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Nairobi	23	73	c	Tenerife	26	79	s
Naples	27	81	f	Tokyo	29	84	s
Nice	25	77	s	Toronto	23	73	s
Oslo	28	82	s	Tunis	31	88	f
Paris	21	70	f	Valencia	27	81	f
Peking	29	84	s	Vanc'ver	23	73	s
Perth	18	64	s	Venice	25	77	s
Prague	14	57	r	Vienna	21	70	f
Reykjavik	14	57	r	Warsaw	16	61	r
Rhodes	27	81	s	Wash'ton	X		
Rio de J	27	81	f	Wel'ngton	11	52	X
Riyadh	40	104	s	Zurich	16	61	f

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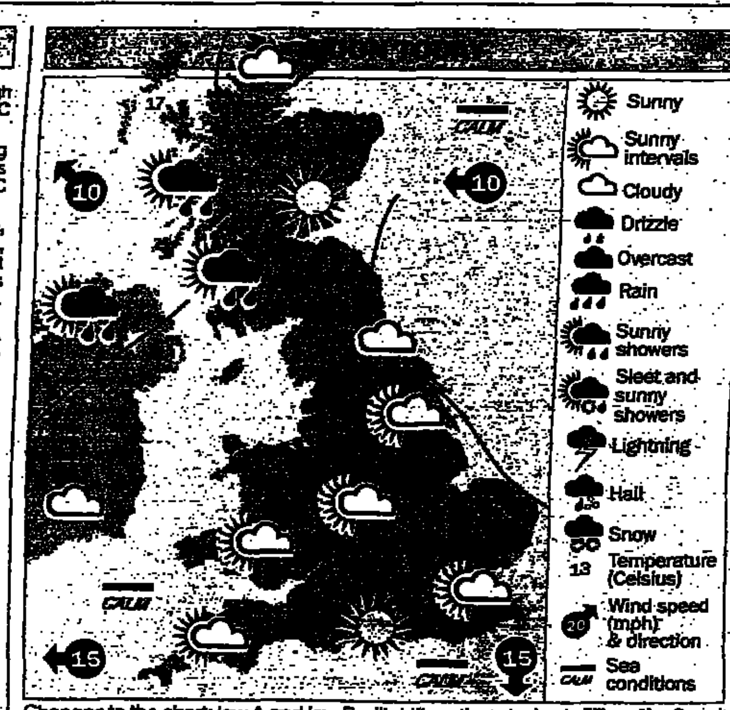

Changes to the chart: low A and low B will drift northeast, slowly filling; low S and high N will remain in situ with little change in pressure; low T will drift east and fill

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	04.05	7.5	16.23	7.5
Aberdeen	03.22	4.5	16.00	4.4
Avonmouth	09.39	13.7	22.00	14.0
Belfast	01.00	3.6	13.31	3.4
Cardiff	09.25	12.7	21.46	12.9
Devonport	08.09	5.5	20.27	5.8
Dover	00.59	6.8	13.27	6.9
Dublin (N Wall)	01.29	4.4	14.06	4.1
Falmouth	07.40	5.3	19.58	5.6
Greenock	02.47	3.6	15.13	3.4
Harwich	02.03	4.3	14.21	4.2
Holyhead	00.16	5.9	12.45	5.7
Hull (Albert D)	08.30	9.0	21.05	8.9
Ilfracombe	08.21	9.5	20.42	9.7
King's Lynn	08.37	7.2	21.15	6.8

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	04.44	5.8	17.13	5.8
Liverpool	01.16	10.0	13.41	9.7
Lowestoft	11.37	2.7		
Margate	02.14	4.9	14.28	4.9
Milford Haven	08.34	7.1	20.57	7.4
Newquay	07.25	7.1	19.49	7.4
Oban	08.03	4.0	20.27	4.2
Penzance	06.55	5.5	19.19	5.8
Portland	09.47	2.1	21.55	2.2
Portsmouth	01.14	4.8	13.47	4.8
Shoreham	01.14	6.4	13.50	6.4
Southampton	00.42	4.8	13.12	4.7
Swansea	08.42	9.9	21.02	10.2
Tees	05.51	5.7	18.25	5.5
Walton-on-N	01.55	4.4	14.12	4.4

All times BST. Heights in metres.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Bristol and Cardiff, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Prestwick, Strathclyde, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, East Sussex, 15.8hr.

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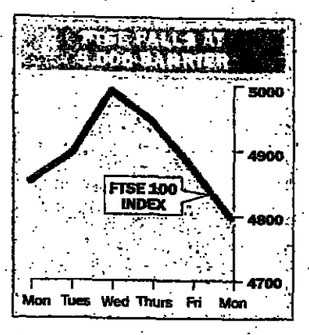
BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

TUESDAY JULY 22 1997

Britain risks 1998 recession, economists tell MPs



BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND MICHAEL CLARK

THREE leading economists yesterday told the Commons Treasury Select Committee that Britain faces a serious risk of recession next year.

The comments came as the stock market suffered another sharp fall amid concern that the bull run may be over.

The FTSE 100 index fell 71.5 points to close at 4,805.7, almost 200 points below the all-time high set in early trading on Friday. However, Wall Street, which sparked a decline in markets worldwide after a 130-point fall on Friday, recovered from early losses to show a gain of about five points by lunchtime.

Gavyn Davies, chief economist for Goldman Sachs, told the Treasury Select Committee yesterday that if sterling stays strong and the Government sticks to its spending plans, the Bank is already "risking overkill". However, Mr Davies, who is an adviser to Gordon Brown and tipped as a future Governor of the Bank of England, said he remains marginally in favour of further interest rate rises because, "without these two conditions in place, interest rates almost certainly need to rise in the future". He added that the chances of making a major monetary policy error were greateer now than in 1987.

Martin Weale, director of the National Institute of Social and Economic Research, predicted that the Bank was in greater danger of undershooting the inflation target by 1 per cent than of overshooting it to the same degree. Mr Weale's views were supported by Bill Martin, co-director of economic research for UBS, who argued that the economy is potentially heading for a "hard landing" next year.

However, Mr Martin told the committee that monetary policy mistakes by the last Government and recent windfall pay-outs made a recession "inevitable and required".

The market, closing before the economists' views were known, agreed. Banking shares were the biggest casualty as traders concluded that the recent bull run had left them overvalued.

Renewed worries about the impact of sterling on profits also hit shares in the pharmaceutical sector, another strong performer over the past few weeks.

The pound crawled back above DM3.00 as French budget plans heightened market fears of a broad single currency. Sterling closed up around 1.5 pfennigs at DM3.0144. Its trade-weighted index rose 0.4 to close at 105.2.

Dealers said there are some signs that institutional investors have begun switching out of blue chip shares and into second liners to seek better value.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4805.7	(-71.5)
Yield	3.44%	
FTSE All share	2256.49	(-27.65)
Nikkei	Closed	
New York:		
Dow Jones	7893.48	(+3.02)*
S&P Composite	913.00	(-2.30)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 7/16%*	(5 1/4%)
Long Bond	101 9/32*	(101 5/16)
Yield	6.54%*	(6.52%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 31/32%	(6 11/32%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	114 16/32	(114 3/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6780*	(1.6790)
London:		
$	1.6780	(1.6744)
DM	3.0142	(2.9883)
FFr	10.1760	(10.1310)
SFr	2.4771	(2.4679)
Yen	194.37	(193.41)
£ Index	105.2	(104.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7955*	(1.7925)
FFr	6.0600*	(6.0565)
SFr	1.4757*	(1.4755)
Yen	115.83*	(115.60)
$ Index	103.90	(103.0)

Tokyo close Yen 115.75

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Oct) $18.20 ($18.15)

GOLD

London close $326.75 ($324.25)

* denotes midday trading price

NatWest to cut Markets capital by £1bn

BY PAUL DURMAN AND JASON NISSÉ

NATWEST GROUP is planning to reduce the capital allocated to NatWest Markets by more than £1 billion as part of its strategy to turn the ailing investment bank round.

The move will be the main result of the review of the business, to be announced with NatWest's half-year results on August 5, along with a commitment by Derek Wanless, NatWest's chief executive, to retain the operation.

Mr Wanless became acting chief executive of NatWest Markets after the resignation of Martin Owen, who left last month on publication of the report into the £77 million options losses incurred earlier this year. NatWest is unlikely to be able to name a new chief executive for the investment bank on August 5.

The capital in NatWest Markets was £3.1 billion at the end of 1996, about 40 per cent of the total capital of the group. The target is to cut this to 25 per cent, or about £2 billion.

Since the publication of the report it has emerged that NatWest has been in unsuccessful merger talks with Abbey National and Prudential Corporation

The breakdown of NatWest's merger talks with the Pru has increased pressure on Mr Wanless and Lord Alexander of Weedon, the bank group's chairman.

NatWest has still not confirmed its recent merger talks, although apparently required to do so by the rules of the Stock Exchange and the Takeover Panel. The Panel requires an announcement to be made when a merger approach prompts rumour and speculation or an untoward movement in its share price. Speculation has forced NatWest's shares up by almost 150p.

The Panel is understood to be examining whether NatWest should clarify the situation. Michael Lever, analyst at HSBC James Capel, said: "It reflects poorly on NatWest's management when it's seen staggering from one party to another and being rejected."

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Chief of United Utilities quits in boardroom rift

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRIAN STAPLES has quit as chief executive of United Utilities amid talk of a bitter boardroom rift, a move that stunned the City and caused a sharp fall in the share price.

The company, which supplies water and electricity in the North West, said that Mr Staples had left after "a loss of confidence in him by the board". Shares in United Utilities fell 69½p, to 699½p.

Mr Staples, who has share options worth £1.2 million, earned £300,000 a year. He has instructed lawyers to negotiate severance terms. He was appointed from Tarmac to work alongside Sir Desmond Pitcher, who continues as executive chairman.

Sources close to the company said that a series of problems had caused the board, led by non-executive directors, to lose confidence in Mr Staples. He is accused of not communicating problems to the board with sufficient speed and is likely to be blamed for the ill-fated Bangkok contract, which led to a provision of £83 million.

However, relations between senior executives are believed to have soured after Mr Staples demanded Sir Desmond quit his £310,000-a-year executive role to become a non-executive chairman. Other executive directors who may have supported him are believed to have included Bob Ferguson, finance director, a close associate of Mr Staples.

Some executive directors did not know of the quit decision until yesterday morning. The non-executive board, led by Sir Peter Middleton, chairman of BZW and deputy chairman of Barclays Bank, is said to have been unanimous in its loss of confidence decision over Mr Staples.

Pressure on Sir Desmond, who has been dubbed "king of the fat cats", to relinquish his executive duties surfaced after the annual meeting when institutions were said to be keen for him to step down.

Last year Sir Desmond was at the centre of a controversy over executive pay when the company introduced a long-term incentive scheme that delivers bonuses of up to 127 per cent of salary. Eric Clark, chairman of the remuneration committee and a non-executive director who backed Mr Staples's departure, works alongside Sir Desmond at the Merseyside Development Corporation where he is also a non-executive director.

In 1994 Sir Desmond welcomed Mr Staples from Tarmac, where he was a divisional managing director, as chief executive of North West Water, which went on to buy Norweb, the electricity company, to become United Utilities. It has been known that the two have since had a difficult working relationship.

Angela Whelan, analyst at Credit Lyonnais, said: "Mr Staples was respected for what he did. This is nothing to do with the strategy of the company but rather seems a personal matter." Nigel Hawkins, utilities analyst at Yamaichi, said: "This came as a big shock to the stock market and we may only have seen half the story so far."

Mr Staples is replaced by Derek Green, who currently heads the utility division of United. The company said Mr Green would remain in place until the millennium, seeing the water and electricity businesses through two more regulatory price reviews and the introduction of competition into domestic electricity.

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ADRIAN SHERRATT

Sir Desmond Pitcher, left, with Brian Staples in happier times. The company's shares fell 69½p on the news

Taxman criticised over 'needless failures'

BY FRASER NELSON

THE tax authorities were yesterday attacked by both the insolvency profession and a leading MP for forcing thousands of self-employed workers into unnecessary bankruptcy.

Businesses that collapse owing money to the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise are nearly twice as likely to be made bankrupt as those whose future is decided by creditors in the private sector, a survey by the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency has found.

The report, drawn from 1,300 insolvency cases, suggests the Revenue is opposing Individual Voluntary Arrangements (IVAs) — where businesses keep trading in the hope of recovering more money to pay their debts.

Ann Widdecombe, the former Conservative minister, has raised this issue in Parliament. She said: "This survey proves what I suspected, which is that, if you are tottering on the brink of bankruptcy, your fate will be decided by the Revenue or the Excise.

"It makes no sense for the taxpayer — if you bankrupt somebody with no assets, you get nothing. They may not have such a policy [opting for bankruptcy] but they darn well have such a practice."

The Inland Revenue flatly denied any preference for bankruptcy, saying that it officially considers the procedure a last resort.

A spokesman said: "We don't like bankruptcy because it is not very good for the individual concerned and it means that we don't get our tax. If there is a vaguest possibility of an alternative, we would go for it."

According to the survey, only 24 per cent of self-employed people who became insolvent under taxation or duty debts continued trading under an IVA last year.

Arnault quits Guinness in protest

BY DOMINIC WALSH

BERNARD ARNAULT, the chairman of LVMH-Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the French luxury goods group, resigned from the Guinness board yesterday in protest at the "negative and vitriolic" response to his proposed alternative to Guinness's planned £24 billion merger with Grand Metropolitan.

M Arnault, who has been a non-executive since 1989, said the move would allow him to focus on promoting his own proposal for a three-way merger of the drinks businesses of Guinness, GrandMet and LVMH, which envisages LVMH with a 35 per cent stake in the enlarged group. The two British companies last week dismissed his scheme as "a complicated and costly break-up" that would give him "back-door control".

A spokesman for M Arnault said last night: "He was asked to come up with a proposal and he did so, but it was rejected within an hour. It was an 18-page document and shareholders deserved better than to see it rejected so quickly."

Guinness will not issue a formal response until its board meeting tomorrow.

French companies flower in the garden of England

BY OLIVER AUGUST

KENT is known as the garden of England, but yesterday's French corporate tax changes could turn it into the workhorse of France.

French companies are fleeing the high costs in their domestic market and locating at the other end of the Channel Tunnel. The latest tax rise could turn the trend into a stampede, according to the Ashford Chamber of Commerce.

Ron Stainton, the chamber's chief executive, said French businesses can make dramatic tax savings by coming to England. He said: "As the situation in France gets worse, more companies will come over here. Their critics say we are providing cheap labour but, of course, we are providing cheaper taxes."

SBE, a French mobile phone repair company, set up in Ashford in January but is already planning to triple the size of its premises. Gregory Dumont, SBE's project manager, praised Britain's low company taxes: "The business climate is better here."

His company chose Kent as its English base because of its proximity to France. M Dumont said: "In an emergency, we can put a few boxes in the company car and go over. If we want to go to our French sites we just take the Eurostar." The train takes two hours from Ashford to Paris.

Another advantage in England is the more flexible nature of employment law. M Dumont said: "If you have an overload you simply hire staff for a short period. In France you can't do that. It's also easier to lay them off — but we haven't had any experience of that." The extra tax burden is part of French government effort to meet the budget criteria for Europe's single currency. Labour cut UK corporation tax from 33 to 31 per cent this month — the lowest level in Western Europe.

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House prices 'will keep on rising'

By Carl Mortished

HOUSE prices will continue to rise until well into 1999, in spite of the recent increase in interest rates, predicts the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors today.

Ian Perry, RICS housing market spokesman, said: "Given the shortage of property for sale, we can expect prices to continue to rise over the next 18 months."

RICS members reported a slowdown in the housing market's recovery in June, but said the reduction in mortgage tax relief is not expected to curb demand from homebuyers.

The RICS Housing Market Survey found a reduction in the proportion of chartered surveyors reporting house price increases from 60 per cent in May to 56 per cent in June. The slowdown was most notable in areas where growth had been strongest: London, the South East and the South West.

Fears that the Government would sharply increase stamp duty caused a sharp rise in sales, up 12 per cent on the previous year, but uncertainty over the Budget caused a 25 per cent reduction in the number of properties for sale.

Mr Perry said the cut in Miras was less than had been feared, and the increase in stamp duty for houses at the top end of the market would affect only some 30,000 of the 1.4 million transactions expected in the next year. "Given the shortage of property for sale, we can expect prices to continue to rise over the next 18 months," he said.

☐ The Royal Bank of Scotland and Bradford & Bingley Building Society followed other leading mortgage lenders by announcing increases in their home loan rates. The move comes after the decision this month of the monetary policy committee of the Bank of England to raise interest rates 0.25 percentage points to 6.75 per cent. Royal Bank's variable rate rises 0.25 of a point to 8.2 per cent, while Bradford & Bingley's is up 0.35 of a point to 7.7 per cent.

RICHARD LEA-HAIR/NEWSTEAM

Sock value: John Morgan, chairman of Porvair, the chemical technology company, where the waterproof sock is among new products that will emerge in the second half of the trading year. Yesterday's half-year results show profits up from £1.5 million to £2.1 million with earnings per share up from 4.1p to 5.4p. The interim dividend, due on September 26, was raised from 1.9p to 2.1p. The company is expecting trading growth to continue at the current pace. It said: "We believe the waterproof sock will add a new dimension to the success of Comfort Barrier Systems, and the group as a whole."

German banks agree two-stage merger deal

By Oliver August

GERMANY'S second-largest retail bank is to be created by a complex merger agreement, valued at DM40 billion (£13 billion), between Hypo-Bank and Vereinsbank, the fourth and fifth-largest players in the highly fragmented German market.

Under a two-stage plan, Vereinsbank will offer next week to swap six Hypo-Bank shares up to a total of 45 per cent of Hypo-Bank's share capital for one share in Allianz, Europe's biggest insurance group. Simultaneously, this allows the merged group to dispose of Vereinsbank's 8.5 per cent non-core shareholding in Allianz without tax charges.

The swap represents a premium of 28 per cent over Hypo-Bank's closing price on Friday. Shares rose by 60 per cent over the last year as merger speculation mounted.

In a second stage, the full merger of the two banks will be prepared from October, with plans presented to shareholders for approval in spring 1998. The bank will have combined assets of DM743 million (£250 million), second only to Deutsche Bank.

The major benefit will be cost-cutting. Together the two banks have 40,000 employees. Some insiders suggested that about 7,000 jobs would go but the number could be higher. It is believed that a deal has been struck with the powerful banking union to avoid disruptions. Germany's last mega-merger — between Thyssen and Krupp, the two steel giants — failed because of strong political opposition.

Combining the branch network of the two banks is expected to take about four years and should lead to savings of DM1 billion per annum. A DM1.4 billion restructuring charge will be spread over the four years. The deal is expected to be earnings enhancing in the first full year.

Both banks emphasised that they had the backing of the Bavarian state government to create a strong financial counterpoint to Frankfurt by remaining in Munich, their home base. Neither bank expected regulatory objections.

Germany is regarded as heavily overbanked, with more than 3,600 commercial, public and co-operative banks battling for market share. Nevertheless, the deal was put together by an American bank, JP Morgan, which advised both sides.

Cox seeks insurance buyback

By Marianne Curphey, Insurance Correspondent

COX INSURANCE, the Lloyd's group, is looking to almost double its in-house underwriting capacity this year by spending up to £22 million in buying back capacity from individual names.

It aims to acquire £100 million of insurance capacity from names on the three syndicates it manages.

Cox is offering either cash or shares in return — 13p for the right to subscribe £1 of capacity for the 1998 underwriting year of account for syndicate 218, 15p for syndicate 1485 and 40p for syndicate 1176.

The latter is highly profitable, specialises in nuclear risks and was the best performer in 1993, with a 56 per cent return on capacity. If the offer is fully taken up the company would directly control about 45 per cent of its total underwriting capacity.

The offer represents an increase on last year, when the group paid between 4p and 18p per £1 in a similar offer.

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Boeing's income falls as EU veto looms

From A Correspondent in Seattle

BOEING, whose proposed $14 billion merger with McDonnell Douglas is likely to be vetoed by the European Commission tomorrow, has reported a fall in second-quarter net income to $399 million (£238 million) from $468 million.

The world's largest commercial aircraft manufacturer said that comparable results for 1996 benefited from one-off gains of $176 million. Even so, the latest results fell short of Wall Street expectations, and Boeing shares eased in early trading.

Quarterly sales rose 48 per cent to $9.29 billion, from $6.28 billion, as the company lifted commercial aircraft production and expanded its space and missiles business.

Phil Condit, chairman, said that the rapid increase in production resulted in "a substantial increase in employment, material and fabrication demand at the company and its suppliers". High overtime levels and parts shortages caused a "near-term decline in productivity", he added.

Boeing expects to deliver 340 to 350 commercial jetliners this year, up from a previous projection of 340. Last year Boeing delivered just 218 jets as the company reached the end of a long industry downturn.

Boeing expects revenues of $34 billion this year, excluding sales at McDonnell Douglas, which it plans to acquire in a deal scheduled to close next week, in spite of an expected vote by European regulators to reject it.

The European Commission is expected to block the merger tomorrow, arguing that it will stifle competition in the aerospace industry. Europe also argues that the defence activities of McDonnell Douglas attract huge subsidies from the US Government.

The Commission's determination to block the merger has triggered sharp criticism on the other side of the Atlantic, and President Clinton has said the US may go to the World Trade Organisation or impose sanctions if it happens.

The Commission maintains that the merged company would have a 70 per cent share of worldwide sales of commercial planes, against Boeing's present 64 per cent, and a customer base of 84 per cent, against Boeing's 60 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ladbroke signs $85m Colorado deal

LADBROKE, the leisure and hotels group, is to buy the Colorado Gaming and Entertainment Company, the Denver-based gaming company for a total of $85 million (£50 million). Ladbroke is paying $6.25 for each Colorado Gaming share valuing the company at $35 million and is assuming around $50 million of net debt. The proposed transaction is subject to conditions, including completion of definitive documentation and due diligence, and regulatory approvals.

It is anticipated that completion will take place in the fourth quarter of this year, or the first quarter of 1998. Colorado Gaming develops, owns and operates gaming and related entertainment facilities, and is the largest casino management company in Colorado. In the year to December 31, it made earnings before interest, depreciation and taxation of $13.4 million.

Allied Domecq expands

ALLIED DOMECQ, the drinks group, has bought Togo's, a 200-strong franchised sandwich store chain in California. Allied said the price is not material to its net assets, adding that the value of net assets to be acquired is about £5 million. Togo's will be managed in conjunction with Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins, Allied Domecq Retailing's leading food-service brands. Mike Cobler, founder and formerly owner of Togo's, will work with ADR on Togo's expansion.

Adam & Harvey ahead

ADAM & HARVEY, the steel stockholding specialist that trades mainly in Africa and the Far East, reported year-end profits of £5.17 million (£4.55 million) after sharply increasing its exposure to the UK. The improvement was achieved in spite of an 8 per cent slide in sales to £46.8 million in the year to March 31. Overall, earnings were 67.4p (53.6p) a share. A final foreign income dividend of 14.75p, payable on September 5, lifts the total to 27p (24.5p).

Visual Action purchase

VISUAL ACTION HOLDINGS, the lighting and sound equipment rental group, has doubled its presence in Chicago with the $21.5 million (£12.9 million) acquisition of Hospitality Resources. By stretching takeover talks over 15 months, it secured a £1.4 million reduction in the original asking price as sterling rose by 10 per cent against the dollar. Hospitality Resources, which services 63 hotels in Illinois, last year made a $2.6 million profit on sales of $26.8 million.

Warning by Crest

CREST PACKAGING yesterday reported an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, but said that it would be hurt by the strong pound. It said: "The pressures created by the intensely competitive market exacerbated by the current level of sterling against European currencies are considerable." Pre-tax profits rose to £3.8 million (£3.2 million) in the year to April 30. Earnings per share were 8.3p (6.2p). A final dividend of 2.75p, due on September 15, leaves the total unchanged at 4.125p.

NFC sells cold store

NFC, the transport company, has sold its remaining cold store activities to TDG, a subsidiary of the Transport Development Group, for £11 million cash. NFC, which sold its cold store in Leeds to Nordale Foods for £2.5 million on May 30, said: "The sale of these cold store activities reflects NFC's strategy of focusing upon international logistics and moving services." The company's shares yesterday fell 1p from 137p to 136p.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.36	2.19	Malta	0.688	0.629
Austria Sch	22.11	20.45	Netherlds Gld	3.569	3.274
Belgium Fr	65.16	60.20	New Zealand $	2.72	2.48
Canada $	2.427	2.239	Norway Kr	13.01	12.07
Cyprus Cyp£	0.926	0.853	Portugal Esc	315.53	293.50
Denmark Kr	12.02	11.13	S Africa Rd	8.38	7.42
Finland Mkk	9.41	8.66	Spain Pta	264.29	245.50
France Fr	10.6	9.82	Sweden Kr	13.82	12.72
Germany Dm	3.18	2.92	Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.40
Greece Dr	497	458	Turkey Lira	270102	250224
Hong Kong $	13.78	12.56	USA $	1.781	1.638
Iceland	127	107			
Ireland Pt	1.17	1.08			
Israel Shk	6.21	5.56			
Italy Lira	3096	2859			
Japan Yen	208.93	191.40			

Rates for small denomination bank notes supplied by Barclays Bank. Other rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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OPEN ACCOUNT TYPES			GROSS CAR (1)	GROSS	NET (2)
ONE YEAR SHARES		£1,000 to under £2,500	5.00%	5.00%	4.00%
75 days' notice after 270 days		£2,500 to under £10,000	6.50%	6.50%	5.20%
	min	£10,000 to under £20,000	6.70%	6.70%	5.36%
		£20,000 to under £40,000	6.90%	6.90%	5.52%
		£40,000 up to £200,000	7.10%	7.10%	5.68%
TESSA CHOICE		90 DAYS' NOTICE	7.00%	7.00%	N/A
OLYMPOS SHARES		£2,500 to under £5,000	2.00%	2.00%	1.60%
	min	£5,000 to under £10,000	2.00%	2.00%	1.60%
		£10,000 to under £20,000	5.50%	5.50%	4.40%
		£20,000 to under £40,000	6.00%	6.00%	4.80%
		£40,000 up to £200,000	6.75%	6.75%	5.40%
REGENT/REGAL		£500 to under £2,500	2.20%	2.20%	1.76%
		£2,500 to under £5,000	2.90%	2.90%	2.32%
		£5,000 to under £10,000	3.75%	3.75%	3.00%
	min	£10,000 to under £30,000	4.50%	4.50%	3.60%
		£30,000 up to £150,000	4.75%	4.75%	3.80%
BOUNTY SHARES		£500 to under £2,500	3.00%	2.99%	2.39%
		£2,500 to under £5,000	3.40%	3.37%	2.70%
		£5,000 to under £10,000	4.25%	4.21%	3.37%
	min	£10,000 to under £30,000	5.00%	4.94%	3.95%
		£30,000 to under £50,000	5.50%	5.43%	4.34%
		£50,000 up to £200,000	6.25%	6.16%	4.93%
FOLLOW-UP TESSA		[illegible]	7.25%	7.35%	N/A
ISSUES CLOSED FOR NEW ACCOUNTS					
ORDINARY		£500 to under £2,500	1.10%	1.10%	0.88%
	min	£2,500 to under £10,000	1.40%	1.40%	1.12%
		£10,000 to under £30,000	1.70%	1.69%	1.35%
		£30,000 up to £150,000	1.90%	1.89%	1.51%
REGULAR		up to £150,000	1.10%	1.10%	0.88%
SEVEN DAY		£500 to under £2,500	1.15%	1.15%	0.92%
	min	£2,500 to under £5,000	1.50%	1.49%	1.19%
		£5,000 to under £10,000	1.90%	1.89%	1.51%
		£10,000 up to £150,000	2.40%	2.39%	1.91%
TWO YEAR A/Cs		Balance under £500	1.15%	1.15%	0.92%
(60 days' notice)		£500 to under £2,500	2.30%	2.30%	1.84%
	min	£2,500 to under £5,000	3.10%	3.10%	2.48%
		£5,000 to under £10,000	3.85%	3.85%	3.08%
		£10,000 to under £30,000	4.65%	4.65%	3.72%
		£30,000 up to £200,000	5.15%	5.15%	4.12%
PREMIUM		£500 to under £2,500	2.30%	2.29%	1.83%
	min	£2,500 to under £5,000	3.15%	3.13%	2.50%
		£5,000 to under £10,000	3.90%	3.86%	3.09%
		£10,000 to under £20,000	4.90%	4.84%	3.87%
		£20,000 to under £30,000	5.15%	5.09%	4.07%
		£30,000 to under £40,000	5.40%	5.33%	4.26%
		£40,000 up to £200,000	5.90%	5.82%	4.66%
HIGH YIELD		£500 to under £2,500	2.60%	2.59%	2.06%
	min	£2,500 up to £200,000	2.90%	2.88%	2.30%
MAGNUM		£500 to under £2,500	2.70%	2.68%	2.14%
	min	£2,500 to under £5,000	3.00%	2.98%	2.38%
		£5,000 to under £10,000	3.40%	3.37%	2.70%
		£10,000 to under £30,000	3.70%	3.67%	2.94%
		£30,000 up to £200,000	4.40%	4.35%	3.48%
TROPHY		£500 to under £2,500	3.05%	3.03%	2.42%
	min	£2,500 to under £5,000	3.40%	3.37%	2.70%
		£5,000 to under £10,000	3.65%	3.62%	2.90%
		£10,000 to under £20,000	4.15%	4.11%	3.29%
		£20,000 to under £40,000	4.95%	4.89%	3.91%
		£40,000 up to £200,000	5.70%	5.62%	4.50%
TESSA SELECT		50 DAYS' NOTICE	6.30%	6.30%	N/A
TESSA ELITE		60 DAYS' NOTICE	6.30%	6.30%	N/A
MATURED TESSAs		Balance under £1,000	2.30%	2.30%	1.84%
Select 60 days		£1,000 and over	6.30%	6.30%	5.04%
Elite 60 days		£1,000 and over	6.35%	6.30%	5.04%
Choice 90 days		£1,000 and over	7.00%	7.00%	5.60%
BOUNTY DEPOSITS	min	£500 to under £2,500	3.00%	3.00%	2.40%
		£2,500 to under £5,000	3.40%	3.40%	2.72%
		£5,000 to under £10,000	4.25%	4.25%	3.40%
		£10,000 to under £30,000	5.00%	5.00%	4.00%
		£30,000 to under £50,000	5.50%	5.50%	4.40%
		£50,000 up to £200,000	6.25%	6.25%	5.00%
DEPOSITS	min	£500 to £150,000	0.35%	0.35%	0.28%

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US call for further Energy bid details

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

THE £3.65 BILLION takeover of The Energy Group by Pacificorp, the American utility, hit a potential obstacle yesterday when competition authorities in the US demanded more information about the coal interests involved in the deal.

The Federal Trade Commission wanted further details of the tie-up that will bring Peabody Coal, the world's biggest coal business, under the control of Pacificorp along with the Eastern Group, the domestic electricity and gas business.

Mines owned by Pacificorp produce 22 million tons of coal a year for its power stations. Peabody produces 160 million tons of coal.

A spokesman for The Energy Group said that the two companies were working to provide the information requested and no hitches were expected to the takeover, which is still awaiting approval from the UK Government.

He said that the Federal Trade Commission had asked for the extra information at the end of the 30-day period it had to investigate the takeover.

If the commission has concerns over Pacificorp's potential power it could order divestment of some mines. But the spokesman said that current talks were too preliminary for such a move.

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, is scheduled to announce by August 5 whether she will refer the bid by Pacificorp to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The takeover was not opposed by Stephen Littlechild, the regulator for the electricity industry.

BAe lands $620m order for RJ-85 jets

By Oliver August

BRITISH AEROSPACE has landed an order for regional aircraft worth $620 million (£400 million) from Northwest Airlines of America. The order will safeguard 4,000 aerospace industry jobs in Britain.

The 70-seat RJ-85 is being built by Aero International, a BAe joint venture with Aerospatiale of France and Alenia of Italy.

A BAe spokesman said: "While each partner has a one third stake, the bulk of the work will be done in Britain. Hence, the bulk of the $620 million will come to Britain."

The main assembly plant for the RJ-85 is in Woodford, Greater Manchester, where 1,500 engineers and technicians will work exclusively on the jet aircraft used for short-haul flights.

Patrick Gavin, chief executive of Aero International, said: "This latest order reaffirms the RJ family as the large regional jet of choice among the world's most successful airlines."

Northwest ordered 24 planes after previously ordering 12. Michael Levine, a Northwest executive vice-president, said: "The introduction of the RJ-85 allows expansion in markets where demand exceeds the capabilities of turboprops, and the entrance into new markets."

Deliveries of the aircraft will begin in May 1998 and will continue for several years at a rate of approximately one per month.

The order by Northwest is one of the biggest for regional aircraft in recent years. A total of 136 RJ-85s has been sold by Aero International.

Ministers urged to free air traffic services from the Treasury

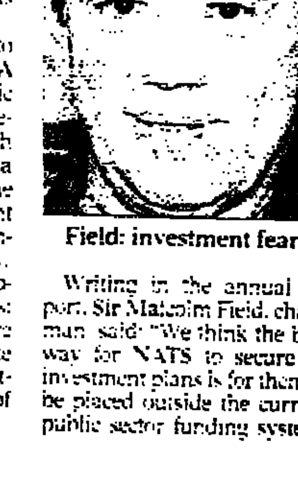
CAA backs compromise plan

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

THE Civil Aviation Authority is recommending a compromise scheme for funding air traffic control in an attempt to break the stalemate over plans for privatisation.

Under the new plans put to the Government by the CAA last week, National Air Traffic Services (NATS) would become a "regulated utility" with private investors owning a fraction over 50 per cent of the company and the Government — through the CAA — retaining just under half the equity.

In its annual report published today the CAA says: "The current ability to secure adequate and appropriate funding for the capital investment programme is in need of urgent attention."



Field: investment fears

Writing in the annual report, Sir Malcolm Field, chairman, said: "We think the best way for NATS to secure its investment plans is for them to be placed outside the current public sector funding system. Only time will tell if this means privatisation or some other arrangement."

Sir Malcolm set up an urgent review of the options once the new Government had been elected. They ranged from outright privatisation, with investors owning 100 per cent of the company, to the Government continuing to keep air traffic services as part of the state-owned enterprise.

But in a long and detailed report to ministers the CAA says they must be allowed to operate free of Treasury interference which, they claim, is holding back investment in vital improvements.

Nearly all capital expenditure now has to be part of the PSBR. The last Government planned to privatise all NATS and so raise more than £500 million. But the scheme ran into union objections and parliamentary timetable problems that led to its abandonment. The new Government wants to get the matter settled by the end of the year.

NATS has already been turned into a wholly owned subsidiary company of the CAA and will today reveal a profit of £13.7 million. It is required by the existing legislation to break even on airspace services and to achieve an 8 per cent return in real terms on other activities.

With steeply rising numbers of passengers and aircraft, however, this has enabled NATS to reduce its charges and pay off loans quicker than expected. But this in turn has reduced its ability to fund investments in new radars, improved communications and air traffic control units.

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PROFIT UP INCREASED DIVIDEND

Extracts from the results and from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. A. R. Perry.

- Revenue profit before tax rose from £15.5 million to £16.0 million.
- Net property income up from £22.4 million to £23.2 million.
- New property investments acquired.
- Development programme continuing.
- Group property investments up from £310 million to £337 million.
- All interest written off against revenue.
- Net asset value rose to £1.82 per share.
- Total dividend increased from 6.0p to 6.5p.

Results for the year ended 31 March 1997

£000's	1997	1996
Investment property rents	25,353	24,983
Net property income	23,230	22,399
Revenue profit before tax	16,018	15,475
Shareholders' funds	217,565	210,131
Ordinary dividend per share	6.5p	6.0p

Copies of the full statement may be obtained from G. H. Caines, Managing Director, PSIT plc, Fetcham Park House, Lower Road, Fetcham, Surrey, KT22 9HD.

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Time to open a new account

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

NatWest Group takes only two weeks to make £77 million of profit. So the losses that came from mispricing options at NatWest Markets are hardly a disaster. Why then is this incident threatening the independent future of one of the UK's pre-eminent financial institutions — an institution that leads the market for small business lending, is second in personal lending and last year made a mouth-watering 17 per cent return on capital? The answer: because Lord Alexander of Weedon and Derek Wanless are letting it happen.

The chairman and chief executive of NatWest are keen to keep their strategy for the group and its troubled investment bank under wraps until the interim results announcement on August 5. But unfortunately life is not like this. If they were running a small engineering company and they were in merger talks with a rival, one would expect the classic statement: "Blogges Industries is in talks which may lead to an offer for the company." So how come NatWest can hold merger talks, first with Abbey National and then Prudential Corporation, without shareholders being informed? This might be a question for the Stock Exchange, the Takeover Panel and NatWest's advisers, which happen to be NatWest Markets and Cazenove & Co.

Mr Wanless believes that the consolidation of the financial services market is inevitable and that the group has to explore all possibilities that might enhance shareholder value. Yet he allowed Clerical Medical and Scottish Amicable to slip through his hands, saying they were too expensive when the market was 10 per cent cheaper than it is today. NatWest has let the crisis at NatWest Markets to turn it from a predator to a target. It needs to address this quickly.

So what will it do on August 5. Well, it will not announce a new boss for NatWest Markets. It will not announce a new strategy for NatWest Markets. And it will not announce that it is selling NatWest Markets. It will say, NatWest Markets in its various forms has never delivered a decent return on capital and we don't know how to make more money. So we are going to reduce the capital in the business by £1 billion and move the bits that we understand, like corporate lending, back into the main bank.

This strategy is not without merit. The few commercial banks that own investment banks tend to give them too much capital, which is tantamount to giving someone enough rope to hang themselves with. But the likes of Citibank have learned the hard way that being a good commercial bank and having a good treasury operation does not make you a good investment bank.

NatWest should stop messing around with NatWest Markets and sell out. This would free up not £1 billion but £3 billion of capital, which could be put towards buying itself a life company or a building society. It is time for NatWest to play to its strengths, not its weaknesses.

A life of Brian at Nationwide

If the board of the Nationwide Building Society needed inspiration in its fight against the "members for conversion" campaign, it could do worse than turn to Cicero's proverb "Thrift is a great revenue". It certainly sums up Nationwide's argument more clearly than Brian Davis has. The Nationwide chief executive's line that maintaining mutuality means that the society can offer better savings and mortgage rates than the banks is not convincing many savers and mortgagees.

Applying simple mathematics to the equation shows that Nationwide might offer an extra 0.25 per cent to savers and charge 0.25 per cent less on your mortgage. But a saver with, say, £10,000 in the Nationwide would have to wait more than 40 years for it to be worth giving up a £1,000 windfall. In the long term, it is better to remain mutual. But as John Maynard Keynes said, in a phrase which could be used by the pro-conversion lobby: "In the long term we're all dead."

Accordingly the Nationwide is preparing itself for an embarrassing defeat, bringing forward the announcement of the bad news to tomorrow so that it can have an extra day to explain what it is going to do. Unless a lightning flash of inspiration hits Swindon, the strategic vision Nationwide will put forward is likely to make Lord Alexander look like Alexander the Great.

Mr Davis is in a terrible bind. He had pinned his flag to the mast of mutuality, and has argued his case strongly behind closed doors, persuading a board that includes three current or former merchant bankers that the City does not know what it is talking about. The City, for its part, is hardly going to swallow Mr Davis having a Pauline conversion on the road to flotation. He is not the man to take Nationwide Bank to the stock market and he knows it.

So what happens to Nationwide? It cannot be floated without a new chief executive. And what do you do about the rest of the board? Do you have a Maoist denouncement of Mr Davis, with directors saying: "I always wanted to convert. I was merely led astray by Brian?" Do you allow anti-flotation executives to lead a float? Or do you have a wholesale clear out?

Or do you merely put a big "for sale" sign on the society. Goldman Sachs has told the Nationwide board it is worth £7 billion. Given the Woolwich is valued at nearly £5 billion this is not excessive price to pay for the Nationwide. The NatWest should buy it.

Sir Desmond gets careless

Crudely, the sacking of Brian Staples, chief executive of United Utilities, has so far cost shareholders £370 million, thanks to the group's tumbling share price. Investors, oblivious to the annoyance Mr Staples was causing his boardroom colleagues and their shortage of up-to-date information, thought he did a good job on the utility side. Despite assurances, some now fear UU's Bangkok write-offs might not be the last among overseas ventures.

The presence of Mr Staples, who is 52, also gave the group a seemingly smooth management succession. Derek Green, UU's nuts and bolts utility boss, was on the verge of retirement. Sir Desmond Pitcher, the patriarchal executive chairman to whom Mr Staples reported, is already 62. But Mr Staples has had to make way for older men, both now to retire in 2000.

Sir Desmond recruited Mr Staples to rethink strategy. The previous sacked chief executive was not getting on with the water regulator, let alone all his finance directors. This time, no change of strategy is planned.

For shareholders, the crucial element is the board's pledge to raise dividends by 11 per cent a year in real terms until 2000. The company insists that this pledge holds, though it looks harder to meet than a year ago.

Credibility is another matter. If it was non-executive directors, led by the formidable Sir Peter Middleton, who reckoned Mr Staples was not keeping them up to date, what was the executive chairman doing?

In the pits

IT IS hard to feel sorry for Bernie Ecclestone. But the overpaid head of Formula One has become a victim of City in-fighting, with a fistful of bankers and bunch of team owners jockeying for position. The longer this goes on, the lower the headline value of Formula One drops and the further away the flotation recedes. Now it seems that by trying to crystallise the value of Formula One, Ecclestone is in danger of destroying it.

Sketchley passes dividend as loss deepens to £4.3m

By Sarah Cunningham, Retail Correspondent

SKETCHLEY, the dry cleaning and business services group, yesterday reported a £4.3 million pre-tax loss resulting from an accounting hole of more than £10 million uncovered earlier this year.

David Davies, chairman, said the loss was "disappointing in the extreme". The group will not pay a final dividend.

John Jackson, chief executive, is planning a series of meetings with institutional investors in the next two days. He said that he has come under to pressure to quit, but the company is believed to be considering changes to its four non-executive directors, all of whom — including Mr Davies — sit on the audit committee.

Richard Meyers, the finance director, left the company after the accounting errors were discovered. He received a pay-off of about £60,000.

Sketchley had been expected to make a profit of £8.2 million in the year to March 31. A year earlier it lost £3.49 million.

Yesterday the company gave details of a £5.1 million exceptional charge, mainly to cover a shortfall in rent on property that has been sublet to third parties. There is also an adjustment of £4.8 million for the retail division to cover overstated stock valuations, understated property costs and the write-off of unsupported debtors and deferred costs.

Pushing the company further into the red were sums of £500,000 for reorganisation and start-up costs in the textile services division and £1.3 million for professional fees and other costs.

Mr Jackson defended his own role in the affair. "It is not my job to check the bookkeeping of the finance director," he said.

After a similar occurrence at the company in 1990, Mr Meyers left the board. He returned to the board in 1994, a few months before Mr Jackson joined the company.

The company is searching for a new finance director, and also intends to appoint a separate finance director of the retail division.

The retail divison, consisting of of Sketchleys dry cleaners and SupaSnaps photographic shops, made an operating loss, after breaking even a year ago.

The business services division, consisting of ARM, the maintenance services provider bought earlier this year for £29 million, and a textiles services business, made an operating profit of £6.8 million, compared with £6.9 million, after costs of £500,000 for new plant openings.

Group debt rose to £40 million, giving gearing of 139 per cent. As a result, the group, which paid a final dividend last year of 2.4p, is paying nothing this time round. Mr Jackson said that investment this year has been cut from £8 million to £6 million as part of a plan to reduce borrowings.

The shares fell 1½p to 60p.

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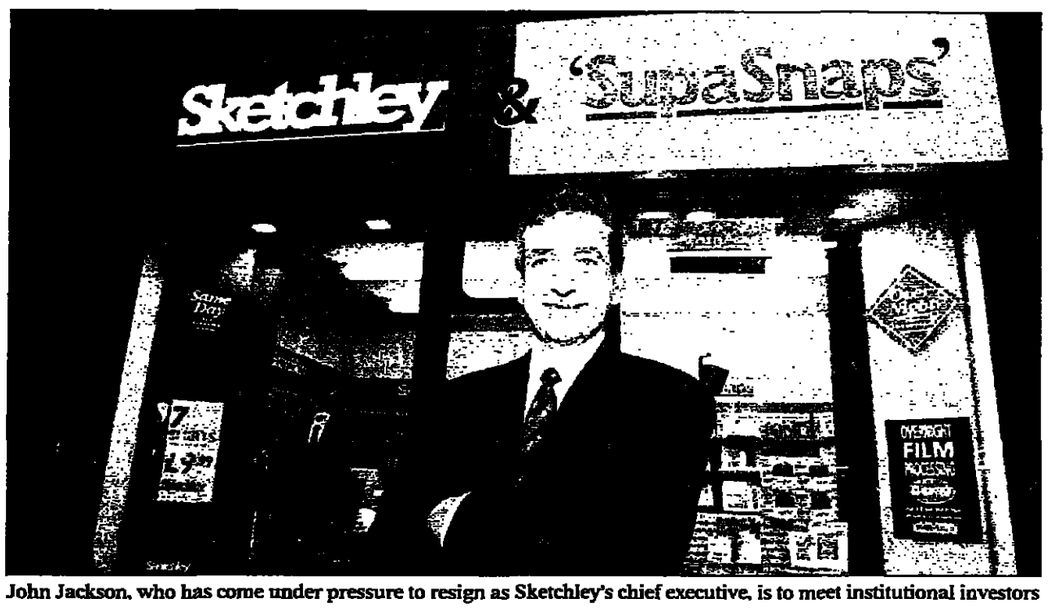

John Jackson, who has come under pressure to resign as Sketchley's chief executive, is to meet institutional investors

AT&T struggle weakens BT line

By Paul Durman

SHARES in British Telecom continued to slide yesterday as AT&T, the US telephone group, provided more evidence that local markets in the US are hard to break into.

Like MCI Communications, the American long-distance carrier with which BT plans to merge, AT&T has incurred heavy costs in building up its local business. The problems cut more than $500 million from AT&T's second-quarter earnings, leaving first-half net income down from $2.85 billion to $2.1 billion. AT&T last week parted company with John Walter, brought in last year to become chief executive.

Since MCI stunned the market this month by warning that $1.6 billion (£950 million) of losses will be incurred on local business over the next two years, BT's shares have fallen from 477½p to 415½p, dropping a further 14½p yesterday. This means BT has lost £4 billion of stock market value in less than two weeks.

Yesterday was also the first opportunity BT's shares had to react to a US court ruling on Friday that means it will be more difficult for MCI to win local business. A federal appeals court in St Louis ruled that the Federal Communications Commission lacked the power to set the reference prices for local telephone calls, dashing hopes of greater competition.

Signet sees strong advance in sales

By Our Retail Correspondent

SIGNET, the jewellery group, reported strong growth in sales at its Ernest Jones chain of shops and in the US, but cautioned that a further rise in UK interest rates could yet lead to a slowdown in the domestic market.

The company's capital restructuring, agreed by shareholders last month, came into effect yesterday. The ordinary 10p shares and four classes of preference shares have been converted into new ordinary shares of 0.5p each. All arrears of preference share dividends are now cancelled.

James McAdam, chairman, said that in the 23 weeks to July 12, Ernest Jones like-for-like sales had risen 7.2 per cent, while H Samuel had seen sales rise 1.4 per cent. In the US, sales increased 9 per cent. He said the company must focus on further improving its operating performance.

John Gillum, 69, is to step down as deputy chairman and non-executive director. David Supino, 63, of Lazard Freres, the merchant bank, has been appointed a non-executive director with immediate effect.

BA canvasses City for morale-booster

By Jon Ashworth

BRITISH AIRWAYS has been canvassing support among City analysts and institutions in the wake of last week's damaging industrial dispute.

Derek Stevens, BA's chief financial officer, has contacted BA's main investors, including Mercury Asset Management, in an attempt to deflect criticism aimed at Bob Ayling, the BA chief executive. There have been reports of growing unease among investors in the face of "macho management" tactics, including filming of picket lines and the threat to sue or sack strikers.

Mr Stevens said City institutions were "fully supportive", but conceded that morale within BA was at a low ebb. Various strategies are planned to improve relations with cabin crew, but details have yet to be disclosed.

BA said it was "actively considering" how best to improve morale, while preserving the savings achieved under Mr Ayling's business efficiency programme. BA says it needs to find annual cost savings of £1 billion if it hopes to remain competitive.

The announcement of a possible link-up with Iberia, the Spanish national carrier, has been greeted with suspicion by BA staff, who view the move as a diversionary tactic. BA said yesterday it was keen to pursue discussions with the Transport and General Workers Union in the hope of preventing further disruption.

Courtaulds close to deal over patent

COURTAULDS is in advanced talks with Lenzing, the Austrian fibres manufacturer, aimed at resolving a protracted patent dispute over the development of Tencel, its wonder fibre (Martin Barrow writes).

The UK chemicals company disclosed yesterday that significant progress had been made in negotiations and an out-of-court settlement is in prospect. Any agreement is likely to involve a cross-licensing deal that would probably enable each company to continue to use its own lyocell technology.

Lyocell is a man-made fibre that Courtaulds produces under the Tencel brand name. Courtaulds shares fell 7p to 307½p yesterday.

Lotteryking chiefs waive pay for year

By Jon Ashworth

TWO senior executives at Lotteryking Holdings, which makes gaming-related products, have agreed to work for nothing for the next year, after unveiling a steep decline in profits.

Alan Stack, the chairman, and his brother Barry, director of new products, have waived remuneration of £55,000 each in the 12 months to July 1998.

Lotteryking, which is quoted on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM), made a pre-tax profit of £4,000 (£265,000) in the year to end-April, on turnover up 21 per cent to £1.7 million. There is no dividend (nil). The shares were unchanged at 1.5p yesterday.

Lotteryking ran into problems when the Gaming Board questioned the legality of a game that it had launched in public houses and shops. The game was withdrawn in spite of "considerable" investment in resources and management time. The company is seeking to recover some of the investment.

The number of gaming machine installations fell below target during the year. As a result, the company's core product, Play and Win, distributed in private members' clubs, contributed less profit than had been expected.

Lotteryking is studying developments concerning Keno, a bingo-style game, which is set to rival the National Lottery.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Speculators keep up their watch on financial sector

CITY speculators are continuing to keep a close eye on the financial sector, convinced that the finishing touches are being applied to a big corporate deal.

Top of the list yesterday was **Commercial Union**, which rose 11p to 694½p, in a falling market, ahead of new business figures today for the first six months. It is on record as saying that it would be better to cut costs rather than grow new business. This has led to suggestions that a link-up with the financial services arm of **BAT Industries**, 3½p lighter at 517½p, might still be on the cards.

The two sides broke off talks last year. But market-watchers say BAT may demerge its financial arm, including Eagle Star, Farmers in the US and Allied Dunbar, as a prelude to a merger with CU, which is currently trading well below its 750p peak for the year. There has also been talk of an all-out bid for CU from ABN Amro, the Dutch bank.

NatWest Bank touched 845p before putting in a late spurt to end the day just 7p easier at 859½p. Talks with the **Prudential Corporation**, down 25p at 561p, broke down last week, but speculation is mounting that they could be on again soon. Merger talks between **Abbey National**, down 21½p at 841½p, and NatWest broke down earlier this year.

The fallout from Friday's futures-related sell-off on both sides of the Atlantic continued in London yesterday although prices closed above their worst. The FTSE 100 index, down more than 80 points at one stage, closed 71.5 off at 4,805.7 after an uncertain start to trading in New York where investors are anxiously awaiting testimony to Congress on the economy from Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

There were furtive signs that investors have begun switching into second-liners in the belief that leading shares are starting to look overvalued. This was borne out by the FTSE 250, which closed just 20.0 down at 4,464.1.

A program trade believed to have been carried out by Merrill Lynch last week switched out of the top 100 and into the 250 constituents. Total turnover of 1.3 billion shares was swollen by heavy trading in **Thorn** as the price firmed ½p to 165p. SBC Warburg, the broker, has been buying back the new "B" shares at 20¼p. They were issued as part of the group's capital reorganisation to enhance shareholder value. A total of 344.8 million shares, or almost 80 per cent, were sold back to the company.

Securicor fell 2½p to 257p ahead of a visit by analysts

BT remained weak, falling 14½p to 415½p as the City continued to express concern about the price being paid for MCI. **Securicor** fell 2½p to 257p ahead of a visit by analysts on Friday to obtain a "greater understanding of the group". Among the leaders ex-dividends contributed to the gloomy sentiment, with both **Dixons**, down 1½p at 545p, and **Grand Metropolitan**, 3¾p at 606p. GrandMet continues to ponder the proposals from Bernard Arnault, of LVMH, who wants to merge their drinks businesses with those of **Guinness**, 5p off at 607½p. If they do not agree M Arnault, who has now left the Guinness board, has threatened to block their £21 billion proposed merger.

As speculation mounted that **Tesco** is about to launch its own credit card, the shares fell 7½p to 421p.

The boardroom rift at **United Utilities** left it nursing a fall of 69½p at 699½p. Brian Staples, chief executive, walked out after a vote of no confidence by the rest of the board. Current trading was below expectation.

Tele-Cine Group rallied 5p to 35½p in the wake of last week's profits warning, but there was no such luck for **Neepsend**, down 7p at 31p, after becoming the latest company to warn about the effects of a strong pound on profits.

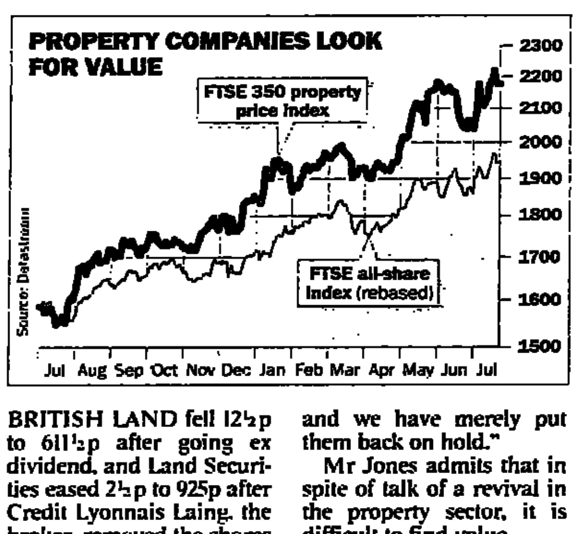
Johnson Matthey retreated 4½p to 575p in spite of encouraging comments from Charterhouse Tilney, the broker. It says a new growth phase is under way. Precious metals remains sound and catalytic systems is recovering while Cookson Matthey ceramics will improve next year. But keep an eye on the electronic materials side, which is set to become the biggest contributor to profits.

A recommendation from Killik & Co, the broker, lifted **Robert Walters** 20p to 241p. The employment services group specialises in finding jobs for people in the financial services market. Paul Kavanagh, of Killik, says that the group should be benefiting from the heavy corporate activity and restructuring in the sector at pesent.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices drifted lower for much of the day, with investors keeping an anxious eye on events in Washington before Mr Greenspan's testimony. Dealers reported minimal buying pressure ahead of Wednesday's £2 billion auction.

In the futures pit, the September series of the Long Gilt finished £9/32 lower at £114 15/32 as the total number of contracts completed slumped to 31,000. In longs, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost £9/32 at £110 3/16, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was down 1/32 at £102 7/16.

□ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares were weak amid profit-taking. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.02 points at 7,893.48.



BRITISH LAND fell 12½p to 611½p after going ex dividend, and Land Securities eased 2½p to 925p after Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, removed the shares from its "buy" list and put them on "hold".

"It's nothing sinister", says Selwyn Jones, at Laing. "These are the two sector leaders and we have been buyers for the past 18 months.

"They are the best managed companies in the property sector. Their premium rating has gone far enough for the time being, especially since the Budget, and we have merely put them back on hold."

Mr Jones admits that in spite of talk of a revival in the property sector, it is difficult to find value.

He said: "If I had to look elsewhere, I would probably choose Burford. The shares have been significantly derated, especially since the Trocadero acquisition." He maintains that the downside in the shares is nil.

Burford rose 4p to 116½p yesterday after announcing the sale of a 38,500 sq ft retail investment to Scottish Mutual for £10 million.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	7893.48 (+3.02)
S&P Composite	913.00 (-2.30)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	Closed

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	15536.30 (-34.10)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	931.34 (-10.45)

Sydney:

AO	2653.40 (-30.80)

Frankfurt:

DAX	4106.40 (-88.13)

Singapore:

Straits	1950.75 (+26.52)

Brussels:

General	Closed

Paris:

CAC-40	2874.12 (-2.57)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1165.10 (-19.00)

London:

FT 30	3061.5 (-44.2)
FTSE 100	4805.7 (-71.5)
FTSE 250	4464.1 (-20.0)
FTSE 350	2309.6 (-29.9)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2643.10 (-58.53)
FTSE All-Share	2256.49 (-27.65)
FTSE Non Financials	2295.77 (same)
FTSE Fixed Interest	125.76 (+0.33)
FTSE Govt Secs	96.92 (-0.16)
Bargains	49958
SEAQ Volume	1363.6m
US$	1.6781 (+0.0038)
German Mark	3.0144 (+0.0154)
Exchange Index	105.2 (+0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.5193
£:SDR	1.2158
RPI	157.5 Jun (2.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.7 Jun (2.7%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Ashtenne	135½	- 3
Cammell Laird	112½	+ 2½
Delcam	267½	...
EMI B	115	...
European Mng	25	...
Galen Holdings	193½	...
Grosmont Hldgs	2¼	...
Grosmont Hldgs Wrts	1	...
Helicon Pubslg	113½	- 9
Hitachi Credit (UK)	149½	...
Primesight	130½	...
Pycraft & Arnold	59	+ 1½
Reabourne Merlin	108½	- ½
Royalblue Group	208½	...
SBS Group	109½	...
Thorn B	21½	...
Woolwich	293½	- 5

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brit Borneo Syn	98½	- 1
HIT Enter n/p (270)	55	- 10
Jarvis Fund Uts Cv n/p	3½	...
Lon Brid Sftw Cv n/p	39½	...
Mackie Intl n/p (20)	1¼	- 2¼
Tea Plant n/p (120)	3	+ 1¼

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Robert Walters	241p (+20p)
Adam & Harvey	335p (+22½p)
Porvair	281½p (+9p)
Stagecoach	737p (+17p)
More Grp	575p (+9p)

FALLS:

Euro Disney	78p (-9p)
Innovative Tech	270p (-23½p)
RGC	176½p (-9p)
Roxboro	160½p (-8p)
Barr & Wall	328p (-15½p)
Helphire Gp	184½p (-8p)
Allied Irish	503½p (-19p)
Royal & Sun Al	480p (-17p)
Stand Chart	968½p (-33p)
Gencor	244½p (-8p)
Lloyds TSB	659p (-18p)
Abbey Ntl	841½p (-21p)
Bk of Ireland	723½p (-18p)

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TEMPUS

Too fast for comfort?

LONDON investors will welcome a second serious mining stock on the equity lists. Billiton has worked long and hard to get its listing but the company is still essentially a South African business. The bulk of the assets, including the Hillside aluminium smelter and Richards Bay Minerals, are based in South Africa, a bias that offers Billiton investors cost advantages but also a large exposure to the South African economy.

Selling metals priced in dollars while paying overheads in a depreciating South African rand, Billiton should be experiencing margin gains. That gives the company a temporary boost as does the aluminium price which affects about 40 per cent of the business. Aluminium's strong recovery has been the making of Billiton; Gencor bought the business from Shell two years ago when the price was $1,200 per tonne compared with yesterday's cash price of $1,585. And the outlook is positive; aluminium for delivery in 15 months is $1,640 per tonne.

Yet there are unanswered questions about Billiton. It is in a remarkable hurry; investors are being provided with only audited nine-month profits to March. Why not wait for full-year figures? Likewise, the curious need for it to become liquid as its business approaches a cyclical peak. Billiton is cutting its gearing to nil and raising £1 billion with the aim of ploughing some of that money into highly sought-after Latin American privatisations. Billiton's management has shown some financial and political skill getting this far, but the shares are to be sold on a high rating, similar to Rio Tinto. Investors might question whether they have earned it yet.

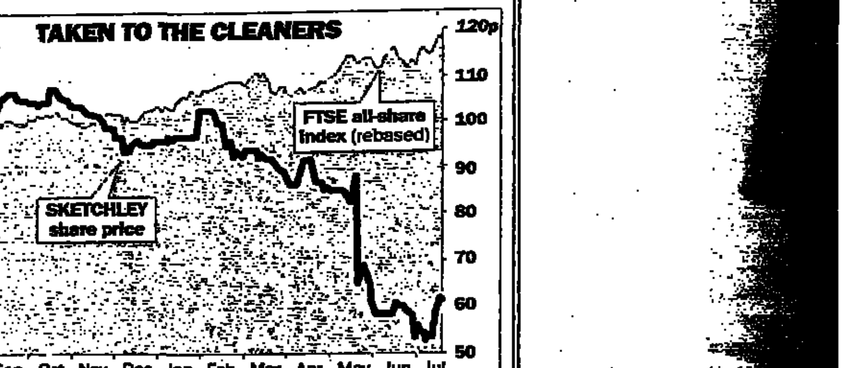
Sketchley

SKETCHLEY'S shareholders have found their investment full of holes after treatment by the dry cleaning firm. If they were customers, they might expect compensation and an explanation but Sketchley is proving inadequate on both fronts after discovering a hole in the books.

The chairman spoke of accounting errors and deficiencies and gave a breakdown of how much money was involved and where the problems occurred. These include overvaluation of stocks, undervaluation of property costs and deferred costs. An exceptional charge, mainly relating to subletting shops at a loss, is also reported.

Sketchley was fulsome in describing what went wrong but less helpful in explaining why and, in particular, how the audit committee allowed it to happen. Nor does it constitute an adequate explanation for a forecast pre-tax profit of £8.2 million turning into a loss of £4.33 million.

While the company is now concentrating on its ARM maintenance services company and its textile services business, it clearly has to address serious problems at its Sketchley and SupaSnaps retail division. Subletting shops has proved very expensive and selling the whole division must look attractive, but, after the accounting debacle, potential buyers are bound to be wary. Any dry cleaner that treated your coat with the same disregard would be shunned. Do likewise.



Signet

SIGNET is now past a joke. It has become a serious company and could soon attract the real attentions of investors, both small and large. The restructuring under its belt, Signet has removed the distraction of the claims of the preference shareholders and can eventually pay a dividend. But the more interesting question is that it offers investors the chance to look at a company whose underlying business is growing nicely.

After the conversion of prefs into equity, Signet becomes a retailer of some size, valued at about £500 million with operating income last year of £76 million on £900 million of sales. Profits soared thanks to the cost-cutting in the US jewellery chain and refurbishment of Ernest Jones in the UK. The improvement is coming through in the top line as well, shown with yesterday's sales figures — organic growth of 9 per cent in the US and 7 per cent at Ernest Jones. Only H Samuel is the laggard, but a £20 million store refurbishment programme should bring it up to scratch in due course.

Signet is being brought back to life in time to catch the high street recovery and the fall in the gold price which normally has the effect of stimulating jewellery consumption. But the risk for Signet is that it will be snapped up by another cash-rich retailer, such as Argos or GUS. The company is valued at only six times its operating profit, hardly expensive for a growing business. If you can buy almost £1 of Signet's sales for about 50p, there will be more than one interested purchaser.

Cox

THE Lloyd's insurance market is becoming interesting. Not because of the underlying business (which some reckon is becoming less profitable) but because the players are becoming much more aggressive.

Lloyd's corporate capital vehicles will pay the first dividend on their underwriting profits this year and many of the Lloyd's vehicles are now seeking more control of the market. Cox, which runs a number of Lloyd's syndicates and invests its own funds in the market wants to buy out the individual names.

Syndicate capacity has been traded in auctions already but no one has yet put up quite the price Cox is offering Syndicate 1176 members. Last June the nuclear risks syndicate was priced at about 18p in the pound but members are now being offered 40p and could ask for more.

The high price relates to the high anticipated returns. 1176 scored a return of 56 per cent in 1993 but Cox's bid could put a tinder box under this market and spur other Lloyd's vehicles into action.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	961-960	Sep	1065-1060
Sep	965-964	Dec	1095-1090
Dec	1020-1019	Mar	1112-1108
Mar	[illegible]	May	1135-1123
May	[illegible]		
Jul	[illegible]		Volume: 16175

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1539-1527	Mar	1390-1405
Sep	1537-1534	May	[illegible]
Nov	1456-1536	Jul	[illegible]
Jan	1512-1510		Volume: 2105

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	321.4-20.2
Spot: 314.8		May	316.4-15.2
Oct	321.4-20.2	Oct	310.5-70.0
Dec	322.4-31.7	Dec	310.5-10.1
Mar	321.5-21.2		Volume: 1262

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
+/-	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eng/Wales	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
+/-	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Scotland	[illegible]	104.37	[illegible]
+/-	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.25	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Sep)	18.10	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.20	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.40	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	19.50	-0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gasoil EEC	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.5 Fuel Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Naphtha	[illegible]	[illegible]

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	162.25-62.75	Nov	169.00-64.25
Sep	164.00-64.25	Dec	169.50-70.00
Oct	166.25-66.50		Vol: 9221

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	18.11-18.12	Dec	18.29-18.44
Oct	18.20-18.21	Jan	18.36-18.44
Nov	[illegible]		Vol: 11950

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	81.00	Sep	76.25
Nov	83.00	Nov	79.75
Jan	85.25	Jan	80.75
Mar	87.25	Mar	82.50
May	89.25	May	83.75
Volume: 201		Volume: 26	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	[illegible]
Mar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apr	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Volume: 169

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug [illegible]

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 97	1325	1325	1315
Aug 97	1294	1280	1275
Sep 97	1326	1298	1298
Dec 97	1435	1420	1418
Vol: 96 lots		Open Interest: 2243	

Index: 1262 (-5)

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2450.0-2451.0	2350.0-2351.0	121840
Lead ($/tonne)	649.5-650.50	654.50-55.00	17400
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1532.0-1533.0	1537.5-1538.0	92775
Tin ($/tonne)	5395.0-5400.0	5435.0-5440.0	2625
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1587.0-1588.0	1613.0-1614.0	185725
Nickel ($/tonne)	6710.0-6715.0	6810.0-6815.0	41792

LIFFE OPTIONS

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July 21, 1997 Tot: 42444 Call: 19392 Put: 23052 FTSE Call: 5445 Put: 5956

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 97	114-22	114-23	114-11	114-15	31511
Previous open interest: 177054	Dec 97				114-03	0
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	102.76	102.80	102.53	102.72	79941
Previous open interest: 261774	Dec 97	101.66	101.66	101.66	101.81	68
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	136.40	136.70	135.85	136.56	43420
Previous open interest: 113040	Dec 97	108.00	108.00	108.00	108.56	35
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	124.94	125.03	124.95	125.00	13
	Dec 97				124.90	
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.74	92.79	92.77	92.77	10701
	Dec 97	92.58	92.59	92.55	92.57	7726
Previous open interest: 561250	Mar 98	92.49	92.50	92.47	92.48	5408
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 97	96.74	96.79	96.74	96.79	15944
Previous open interest: 1524764	Dec 97	96.67	96.67	96.66	96.67	7063
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 97	93.28	93.31	93.25	93.28	12140
Previous open interest: 361760	Dec 97	93.64	93.70	93.65	93.68	9509
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97				99.19	0
	Mar 98				99.00	0
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 97	98.41	98.36	98.34	98.42	4685
Previous open interest: 141344	Dec 97	98.31	98.33	98.24	98.25	2047
Three Mth ECU	Sep 97	95.73	95.73	95.72	95.73	573
Previous open interest: 15314	Dec 97	95.71	95.71	95.70	95.70	171
FTSE 100	Sep 97	4940.0	4944.0	4795.0	4851.0	11517
Previous open interest: 81265	Dec 97	4972.0	4973.0	4873.0	4864.0	161

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O'night high 6¾ Low 6 Week fixed: 6¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¾; 3 mth 6¾ Sell: 2 mth 6¾; 3 mth: 6¾

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 6¾ close 6½					
Local Authority Deps	n/a		n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	5.51		n/a	5.61	5.71	5.90
Building Society CDs	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $327.60-327.90 Close: $326.50-327.50 High: $328.35-328.55 Low: $326.00-326.50 AM: $328.05 PM: $326.20

Krugerrand: $326.00-327.00 (£195.50-196.50)

Platinum: $413.50 (£246.35) Silver: $4.26 (£2.545) Palladium: $191.00 (£114.50)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3760-3.3947	3.3910-3.3947	1½-1pr	3½-3pr
Brussels	61.940-62.291	62.191-62.291	21-16pr	57-50pr
Copenhagen	11.425-11.451	11.473-11.481	¾-½pr	1-½pr
Dublin	1.1157-1.1241	1.1221-1.1241	9-3pr	24-17pr
Frankfurt	3.0004-3.0154	3.0130-3.0154	1½-1pr	3-2½pr
Lisbon	302.20-304.74	304.45-304.74	½-½pr	½-1pr
Madrid	252.99-254.01	253.92-254.01	40-29pr	116-97pr
Milan	2913.7-2934.5	2930.7-2934.5	¼pr-¾ds	¾pr-¾ds
Montreal	2.2954-2.3073	2.3054-2.3073	0.21-0.16pr	1.37-1.29pr
New York	1.6746-1.6793	1.6776-1.6793	0.195-0.175pr	0.553-0.522pr
Oslo	12.390-12.461	12.447-12.461	½-¼pr	1-¾pr
Paris	10.135-10.179	10.172-10.179	½-¼pr	1½-¾pr
Stockholm	12.966-13.065	13.046-13.065	½-¼pr	1½-¾pr
Tokyo	192.37-194.48	194.26-194.48	1½-1½pr	3½-3pr
Vienna	21.112-21.217	21.194-21.217	½-¼pr	2-1½pr
Zurich	2.4671-2.4792	2.4761-2.4782	1½-1½pr	3½-3½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3468-1.3486
Austria	12.62-12.63
Belgium (Com).	37.03-37.08
Canada	1.3736-1.3741
Denmark	6.8344-6.8364
France	6.0602-6.0622
Germany	1.7942-1.7952
Hong Kong	7.7460-7.7470
Ireland	1.4937-1.4987
Italy	1745.40-1746.90
Japan	115.60-115.70
Malaysia	2.6240-2.6270
Netherlands	2.0194-2.0199
Norway	7.4075-7.4125
Portugal	161.20-181.40
Singapore	1.4618-1.4628
Spain	151.11-151.16
Sweden	7.7669-7.7745
Switzerland	1.4736-1.4746

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6773-1.6800
Australia dollar	2.2541-2.2570
Bahrain dinar	0.6255-0.6375
Brazil real*	1.8094-1.8140
China yuan	13.739-14.039
Cyprus pound	0.8750-0.8850
Finland markka	8.9125-8.9285
Greece drachma	468.00-475.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.9591-12.9665
India rupee	59.37-60.33
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5030-0.5130
Malaysia ringgit	4.3732-4.3842
New Zealand dollar	2.5558-2.5593
Pakistan rupee	67.40 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0400-6.1640
Singapore dollar	2.4455-2.4486
S Africa rand (com)	7.6120-7.7140
U A E dirham	6.0950-6.2190

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,100	Ladbroke	3,000
ASDA Gp	20,500	Land Secs	799
Abbey Nil	1,500	Legal & Gn	2,600
Alli & Leic	2,300	Lloyds TSB	9,100
Allied Dom	1,500	LucasVarity	7,900
AB Foods	699	Marks Spr	4,700
BAA	1,600	Mercury Ast	255
BAT Inds	4,900	NatWst Bk	5,000
BG	9,600	Nat Grid	2,200
BOC	607	Nat Power	1,700
BP	8,000	Next	771
BSkyB	2,500	Orange	1,700
BTR	7,000	P & O	2,400
BT	41,000	Pearson	552
Bk of Scot	2,900	PowerGen	1,000
Barclays	3,000	Prudential	3,100
Bass	1,300	RMC	212
Blue Circle	1,500	Railtrack	4,600
Boots	1,200	Rank Group	3,800
BAe	251	Reckitt Col	312
BA	4,000	Reed Intl	1,600
British Land	1,000	Rentokil	2,800
Brit Steel	2,900	Reuters	2,000
Burmah Cstl	296	Rio Tinto	455
Cable Wire	7,900	Rolls Royce	2,600
Cadbury	2,100	Royal & Sun	6,200
Carlton Cms	1,600	Royal Bk Sct	2,500
Centrica	7,700	Safeway	1,200
Cm Union	1,900	Sainsbury	4,200
Dixons	1,900	Schroders	42
EMI	1,100	Scot & New	400
Energy Gp	1,100	Scot Power	3,500
Enterpr Oil	470	Svrn Trent	922
GKN	625	Shell Trans	11,000
GRE	2,000	Siebe	1,100
GUS	802	SmKl Bch	9,100
Gen Acc	750	Smiths Inds	673
Gen Elec	2,900	Std Chartd	1,200
Glaxo Well	3,200	TI Gp	1,500
Granada	1,400	Tate & Lyle	2,800
Grand Met	12,000	Tesco	5,100
Guinness	2,700	Thames W	822
HSBC	2,500	Tomkins	6,900
Halifax	8,700	Unilever	1,600
Hanson	938	Utd Utilities	9,000
Hays	1,200	Utd News	493
ICI	1,900	Vodafone	3,500
Imp Tob	1,100	Whitbread	1,300
Kingfisher	1,700	Wolseley	761
LASMO	2,300	Zeneca	1,400

WALL STREET

	Jul 21 midday	Jul 18 close
AMP Inc	46	47
AMR Corp	97⅞	98⅛
AT & T	34¼	34⅛
Abbott Labs	61⅞	62⅛
Advanced Micro	37	37⅛
Aetna Life	105¼	104⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	49¼	49⅛
Air Prod & Chem	82¾	83⅞
AirTouch Comm	27¼	27¼
Albertson's	37¾	37⅛
Alcan Aluminm	34¼	34¼
Allied Signal	88⅛	88¼
Alum Co of Am	81¼	81⅛
Amerada Hess	54¼	54¼
Amer El Power	43¼	43⅛
Amer Express	75¼	76⅛
Amer Genl Corp	48¼	49
Amer Home Pr	78⅛	79⅛
Amer Intl	147¼	149¼
Amer Stores	25¼	26⅛
Amer Standard	45⅛	45⅞
Ameritech	65⅞	65⅛
Amgen	58¼	58¼
Amoco	89	89
Andrew Corp	26⅛	27⅛
Anheuser-Busch	45¼	45¼
Apple Computer	17¼	17⅛
Archer Daniels	22⅛	22¼
Armco	4¼	4¼
Armstrong Wrld	69¼	69⅛
Asarco	32¼	32¼
Atl Richfield	69	68⅛
Avnet Corp	31¼	31¼
Auto Data Pro	49	49¼
Avery Dennison	40⅛	40¼
Avon Products	74¼	75¼
Baker Hughes	45¼	45⅞
Baltim Gas & El	26⅛	26⅛
Banc One	49¼	50
BankAmerica	66¼	66⅛
Bank of NY	44¼	44¼
Bankers Tr NY	93¼	94⅛
Barnett Banks	53⅛	53¼
Bausch & Lomb	42⅛	42¼
Baxter Intl	57¼	58¼
Bectn Dickinsn	52⅞	53⅛
Bell Atlantic	71¼	70¼
BellSouth	45¼	45⅛
Black & Decker	39⅞	40¼
Block (H&R)	35	35⅛
Boeing	54⅞	56
Boise Cascade	35⅞	36⅛
Boston Scien	69⅞	71¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	83¼	83⅞
Browning Ferris	35¼	35¼
Brunswick	31¼	31¼
Burlington Nthn	93¼	93⅞
CMS Energy Corp	35⅛	35¼
CPC Intl	95¼	96¼
CSX	55⅛	56¼
Campbell Soup	49	49¼
Carolina Pwr	34	34⅛
Case Corp	62⅛	63¼
Caterpillar	54¼	56¼
Central & SW	20⅛	20¼
Champion Intl	60⅞	61¼
Chase Manhat	101⅛	102
Chevron Corp	75⅛	75¼
Chrysler	34¼	34¼
Chubb Corp	68⅞	69¼
Cigna Corp	184¼	188
Citicorp	124⅞	124⅞
Clorox	137¼	137¼
Coastal Corp	54¼	55⅛
Coca Cola	68¼	69¼
Coca Cola Ent	20⅛	21
Colgate-Palm	71¼	71¼
Columbia Gas	71¼	71¼
ColumbiaHCA	31¼	31¼
Compaq Comp	125¼	128¼
Comp Ass Int	62⅛	63⅛
ConAgra	65⅛	65¼
Cons Edison	30⅛	30⅛
Cons Nat Gas	57¼	58⅛
Cooper Inds	49⅛	50⅛
Corestates	55⅛	55⅞
Corning Inc	60	60¼
Cwide Credit	32¼	31⅛
Crestar Finl	43¼	43¼
Crown Cork	48¼	48¼
Dana Corp	38⅛	37¼
Dayton Hudson	56¼	57¼
Deere	56¼	56¼
Delta Air Lines	89¼	89¼
Deluxe Corp	33¼	34¼
Digital Equip	36⅛	37¼
Dillard Dept St	34⅛	35
Disney (Walt)	75¼	75⅛
Dominion Res	38	37⅛
Donelley (RR)	40¼	39⅛
Dover Corp	66¼	68¼
Dow Chemical	89¼	89¼
Dow Jones	41¼	41⅛
Dresser	39⅛	40¼
Duke Power	48¼	49⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	26¼	26⅛
Du Pont	63⅛	63¼
Eastman Chem	58	57¼
Eastman Kodak	66⅛	66¼
Eaton Corp	87¼	88⅛

	Jul 21 midday	Jul 18 close
Edison Int	24⅛	24⅛
Elect Data Sys	45¼	45¼
Emerson Elec	55¼	55¼
Engelhard Corp	21⅞	22¼
Enron Corp	38⅛	38¼
Entergy	26¼	27¼
Ethyl Corp	9¼	9⅛
Exxon	61¼	60⅛
FMC Corp	80	79⅛
FPL Group	46	46¼
Federal Express	60¼	60
Fifth Third Banc	60¼	61
First Bk Sys	87⅛	87¼
Fleet Finl Grp	63¼	63⅛
Fluor Corp	57⅛	58
Ford-Motor	39⅛	39⅞
Fortune Brands	35¼	35⅛
Franklin Res	77¼	78
GTE Corp	46¼	46¼
Gannett	102⅛	102⅛
Gap Inc Del	40⅛	39⅞
Gen Dynamics	79⅛	80
Gen Electric	69⅞	71¼
Gen Mills	67¼	67¼
Gen Motors	55¼	55
Gen Reinsurance	189¼	190⅛
Gen Signal	52¼	52
Genuine Parts	33¼	32⅞
Georgia Pac	92⅛	93
Gillette	97¼	97⅛
Glaxo Welc ADR	44¼	44¼
Goodrich (BF)	44¼	44¼
Goodyear Tire	63¼	63¼
Gt Atl Pac Tea	26⅛	26⅛
Halliburton	88¼	89¼
Harcourt General	46	46¼
Heinz (HJ)	45¼	46
Hercules	53⅛	54
Hershey Foods	54¼	54¼
Hewlett Packard	63⅛	65¼
Hilton Hotels	28¼	28¼
Home Depot	46⅛	46⅛
Homestake Mng	13⅛	13⅛
Honeywell	75⅛	76¼
Household Intl	114⅛	115⅞
Houston Inds	21¼	21¼
Humana	23¼	23⅛
ITT Corp	63¼	63¼
Ikon Office	26¼	26¼
Illinois Tool	52¼	52¼
Illinova	22¼	22¼
INCO	29⅛	29¼
Ingersoll Rand	62¼	62¼
Inland Steel	23¼	23⅛
Intel Corp	85⅛	86¼
IBM	105¼	104¼
Intl Flav & Fr	49⅛	49⅛
Intl Paper	58	58⅞
James River Va	39¼	39¼
Johnsn & Jhnsn	60¼	60⅛
Kellogg	86¼	85¼
Kerr-McGee	65⅛	65¼
Kimberly-Clark	51¼	51⅛
Kmart	10¼	10⅛
Knight-Ridder	49⅛	49⅛
Lilly (Eli)	108⅛	109¼
Limited Inc	20¼	20¼
Lincoln Nat	64¼	64¼
Litton	52¼	52¼
Liz Claiborne	48	47⅛
Lockheed Martin	101⅛	101⅛
Louisiana Pac	22¼	22⅛
MCI Comm	32¼	33¼
Manpower Inc	47¼	47⅛
Marriott Int	64⅛	64¼
Marsh & McLnn	70¼	70¼
Masco Corp	41¼	41⅛
May Dept St	51¼	51⅛
Maytag Corp	27⅛	27¼
McDonalds	50¼	49⅛
McDonnell D	69¼	71⅛
McGraw Hill	63¼	63¼
Mead Corp	68¼	68⅛
Medtronic	89⅛	90⅛
Mellon Bk	47⅛	47¼
Merck Inc	105¼	103¼
Merrill Lynch	64¼	64⅛
Microsoft	138⅛	140¼
Minnesota Mine	97⅛	98⅛
Mobil Corp	72⅛	72¼
Monsanto	50⅛	50¼
Morgan (JP)	106¼	106¼
Motorola Inc	79¼	81¼
Natl Semi	34¼	35¼
Natl Service Ind	49⅛	49¼
Navistar Inr	19¼	20¼
NY Times A	51¼	51¼
Newmont Mng	39¼	40
Niag Mohawk	9¼	9⅛
Nike B	61⅛	61¼
NL Industries	13¼	13¼
Noram Energy	15¼	15¼
Nordstrom	54¼	54⅛
Norfolk Sthn	107⅛	108¼
Nthn State Pwr	49⅛	50
Norwest Corp	60¼	61¼
Nynex Corp	52¼	52¼
Occidental Pet	24¼	24¼
Ohio Edison	21¼	22⅛
Oracle	54¼	55¼

	Jul 21 midday	Jul 18 close
Oryx Energy Co	24¼	24¼
Owens Corning	41¼	41¼
PPG Industries	61¼	61⅛
PMI Group	59¼	59⅛
PNC Bank	41¼	41¼
PP&L Res	19¼	20¼
Paccar Inc	46¼	48
Pacificorp	21⅛	21⅛
Pac Enterprises	33	33¼
Pall Corp	24¼	24¼
Parker Hannifin	63	63⅛
Peco Energy	21¼	21¼
Penney (JC)	50¼	50¼
Pennzoil	75¼	75⅛
Pepsico	35¼	35⅛
Pfizer	57¼	58¼
Pharm & Upjhn	37¼	36¼
Phelps Dodge	84¼	84¼
Philip Morris	40⅛	40¼
Phillips Pet	44¼	44⅛
Pitney Bowes	72¼	73¼
Polaroid	56¼	56⅛
Procter & Gmbl	148⅛	148¼
Providian	33¼	33⅞
Pub Serv E & G	24⅛	24⅛
Quaker Oats	46	46⅛
Ralston Purina	86¼	85⅞
Raychem Corp	87	87¼
Raytheon	54¼	54¼
Reebok Intl	49⅛	49¼
Reynolds Metals	70⅛	71¼
Rockwell Intl	61¼	62
Rohm & Haas	91¼	92
Royal Dutch	53⅛	53¼
Rubbermaid	25⅛	25¼
SBC Comms	57¼	56⅛
Safeco Corp	46¼	46¼
St Paul's Cos	78⅛	78⅛
Sallie Mae	139¼	140
Salomon Inc	54¼	54⅞
Sara Lee Corp	43¼	44
Schering Plough	48¼	48¼
Schlumberger	73¼	74¼
Seagram	38	38⅛
Sears Roebuck	57⅞	58¼
Shell Trans	42⅛	42⅛
Sherwin Wlms	31⅛	31¼
Silicon Graphics	18	17¼
Snap-On-Tools	40¼	40⅛
Southern Co	21⅛	21¼
Southtrust	42¼	42¼
Sprint Corp	45¼	45¼
Stanley Works	43¼	44¼
Sun Company	30⅛	31
Sun Microsys	47¼	46⅛
Suntrust	58¼	58⅛
Supervalu	40⅛	40¼
Sysco Fin	27¼	38¼
Sysco Corp	37⅛	37¼
TRW Inc	58¼	58¼
TIG Hldgs	31¼	31¼
Tandem Comp	25¼	26¼
Tandy Corp	54¼	55
Temple Inland	63¼	63¼
Tenet Healthcare	27¼	28¼
Tenneco	45¼	45⅞
Texaco	112	110¼
Texas Inst	111⅛	113¼
Texas Utilities	34⅛	34¼
Textron	69¼	68⅛
Thermo Elect	34¼	34¼
Time Warner	50¼	50⅛
Times-Mirror A	56¼	56¼
Timken	35	35¼
Torchmark	75¼	75¼
Toys R Us	32⅛	33
Transamerica	92	92⅛
Travelers	65¼	66⅛
Tribune	52¼	53
UST Inc	28¼	27⅞
UAL	76	76¼
US Inds	40⅛	40¼
US West Comm	37⅛	37¼
US West Media	20¼	21
USAirways Group	37⅛	36⅛
USX Marathon	29¼	29¼
Unicom	21¼	21¼
Unilever NY	213⅛	213¼
Union Camp	55⅛	55
Union Carbide	50⅛	50¼
Union Pacific	69¼	69¼
Unisys Corp	8¼	8¼
USF&G Corp	24⅛	24⅛
United Tech	84¼	84¼
Unocal Corp	38¼	38¼
VF Corp	87⅛	87⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	35	35
Warner-Lambert	137¼	135¼
Waste Mngmt	30¼	30¼
Wells Fargo	254¼	255¼
Westinghouse El	23¼	23⅞
Weyerhaeuser	58⅛	59¼
Whirlpool	49	49⅛
Whitman	26¼	26¼
Winn Dixie	37	37¼
Witco Corp	41⅛	41¼
Woolworth	27⅛	27¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	68¼	69⅞
Xerox	79¼	79⅞
Xilinx Inc	40⅛	40¼

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French miss brings Gallic flair to economic sleight of hand

Deficit will exceed Maastricht rules but will be in line with projections for Germany, says **Alasdair Murray**

You could almost see the Gallic shrug with which European markets greeted the French Government's budget audit yesterday. Most European stock markets fell, but traders eyes were fixed on a nervous Wall Street. On the foreign exchanges, potential EMU currencies drifted only slightly as traders concentrated on the far more exciting prospect of their summer holidays.

The Budget audit merely confirmed what most economists already knew — that the French Government would miss the magic 3 per cent Budget deficit by a wide margin this year. The markets concluded that little surrounding the EMU project had really changed and a broad single currency remains tentatively on course.

But the dynamics of the single currency have subtly altered since the French Socialists swept into power in May on a tide of public discontent borne of austerity measures introduced to help France to meet the Maastricht criteria.

The new Government had adopted a Eurosceptical tone in opposition and made it clear that it regarded employment and economic reflation as far more important than meeting the Maastricht budget deficit criteria. Some respected observers predicted that the whole project could unwind as the Socialist spendaholics headed towards a collision with the fiscal puritans in Germany.

The Budget audit was expected to be part of this process, designed to allow the French Government to stick up two fingers to Germany and admit it had no hope of meeting the Maastricht criteria and, worse, it did not particularly care. In the event, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French Finance Minister, has managed to assemble a package that establishes the European credibility of the new Government by making a genuine, and entirely legitimate, attempt to rein in the deficit this year. More importantly, M Strauss-Kahn has framed this in a way that will largely appease the conflicting desires of the Government's Communist coalition partners and the volatile French public.

The audit forecasts that without further fiscal tightening the French Budget deficit will fall in the range of 3.5 per cent to 3.7 per cent, well above the 3 per cent Maastricht target. The French Government aims to knock Fr32 billion (£3.2 billion) — equivalent to 0.4 per cent of the total deficit — off this amount through a corporate tax increase and spending cuts.

The audit, therefore, makes a tacit admission that France cannot meet the Maastricht criteria. But by refusing to tie the French Government to any specific forecast, in favour of targeting a general deficit level that most economists regard as fiscally sensible, M Strauss-Kahn has taken some of the heat out the deficit arguments. It will ensure the French budget deficit is in line with the projections for the German deficit, allowing France to join EMU "in the same condition as its European partners", as M Strauss-Kahn explained yesterday.

Even the main victim, France's corporate sector, could only manage a strangled squeal of distress yesterday. M Strauss-Kahn has decided to impose a surcharge of 15 per cent on corporate taxation this year and in 1998, falling to 10 per cent in 1999, taking the effective corporate tax rates to 41.6 per cent this year and 39.9 per cent next year, compared with an existing rate of 36.6 per cent. Capital gains tax will also be brought in line with the new corporate taxation rates, a hefty increase from the current rate of 19 per cent. Companies with a turnover of less than Fr50 million a year, about 80 per cent of all companies contributing about a third of French corporate profits, are exempt.

But France's leading companies are likely to benefit most from a single currency. The CNPF, the French emloyers federation, reluctantly agreed that the tax rises could be justified if they ensured that France qualified for the "essential objective" of a single currency and if the rises are later reversed.

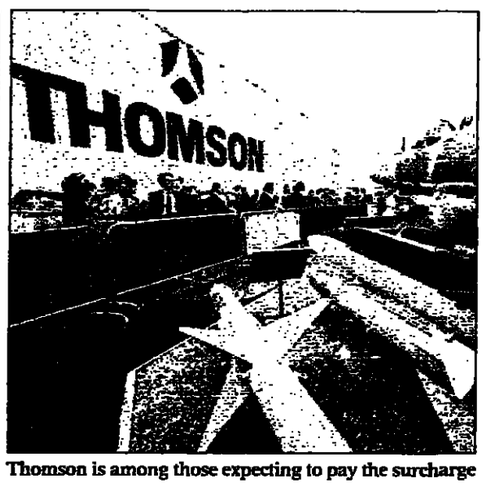
Analysts predicted the impact of the tax would be to knock about 3 per cent off the Paris stock market. Shares with a high exposure to the French market, such as Accor, the hotel company, and BNP, the bank, are expected to be hit hardest.

But corporate profitability has been running at an all-time high over the past year and the French Government's decision not to reverse recent income tax cuts should ensure the recovery picks up steam. The CAC-40 index yesterday recovered from an early 1.5 per cent slide to finish down just 2.57 points at 2,874.12 as traders concluded that most of the pain was already discounted in the market.

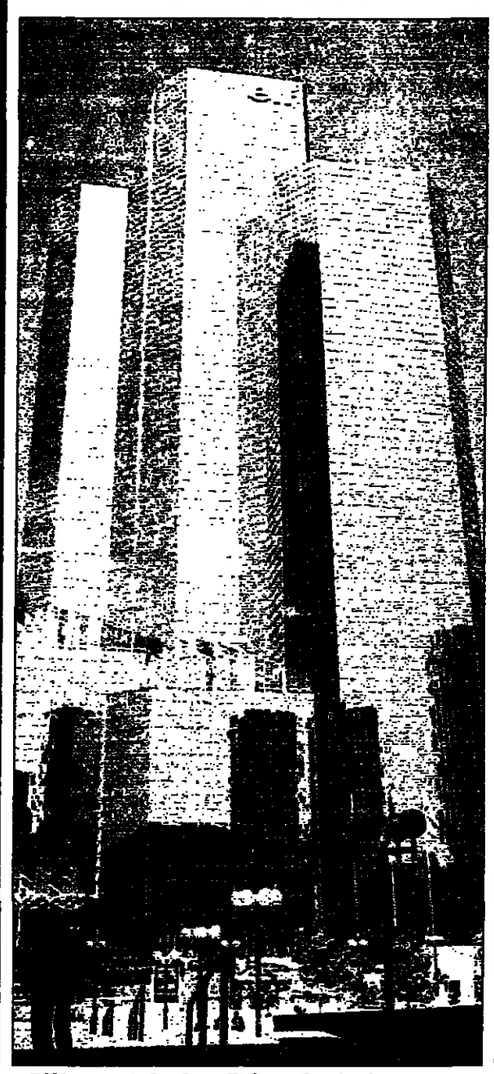
But not everyone is entirely convinced by M Strauss-Kahn's sleight of hand. Gwyn Hacche, European economist at James Capel, predicts the deficit could still overshoot the revised totals this year. There is a also a question mark over whether the improvement can be sustained, despite M Struass-Kahn's commitment to reach a 3 per cent deficit in 1998. The measures revealed yesterday are supposed to unwind by 1999 and economists are not convinced that further progress can be made without significant personal tax rises or a sudden conversion to a less interventionist approach. Patrick Mange, European economist at Deutsche Bank, said: "They've shown their determination to move towards monetary union and the decision to raise corporate taxes will not constrain the economy, but they cannot keep using these cosmetic measures to cut the deficit. They must undertake fundamental reforms."

And while France has cleverly freed itself from the shackles of the 3 per cent target, Helmut Kohl and his Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, remain tied to a figure that few believe Germany can meet this year. The danger persists that Herr Kohl's CSU coalition partners will use the criteria to torpedo the single currency project. But for the moment, a touch of Gallic flair has earned EMU a period of relative tranquillity.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn's measures establish credibility by aiming to rein in the deficit



Thomson is among those expecting to pay the surcharge



Elf is expected to benefit from the single currency

Pitcher power under scrutiny after departure of top executive

Martin Waller on question marks in the City over the viability of United Utilities

A party of analysts were at Warrington, Cheshire, at the United Utilities headquarters for a briefing a few months back. Sir Desmond Pitcher, the chairman, was late. As the minutes passed, analysts noticed the staff present becoming increasingly agitated. At last the door opened. A ripple went round and several employees stood up. It was the tea lady.

Sir Desmond's appearance, a couple of minutes later, was no less dramatic. Not a large man physically, he tends to dominate meetings, particularly those on his home turf. "Anyone going to United Utilities notices it," one present at that meeting said. "Unlike any other utility I have been to, there's an aura there surrounding the chairman. And he doesn't like people who argue with him."

Brian Staples is not the first chief executive to quit after a conflict with Sir Desmond. In 1993, just six months after he arrived as chairman of North West Water, Bob Thian, chief executive of this predecessor company, left suddenly. This was seen at the time as a classic power clash. Thian, as chief executive, expected to run the company; Sir Desmond, as chairman, took the same view.

Sir Desmond, 62, was reported to be under pressure himself last year, in the wake of a row over "fat cat" salaries and bonuses, to become a non-executive chairman, a course of action insiders say he is noticeably unsuited for. Unnamed "directors" were quoted as being keen that he should accept non-exective status in time for this summer's annual meeting on Friday.

United Utilities was created in 1995 out of the takeover of Norweb, one of 12 privatised regional electricity companies in England and Wales, by North West Water. This created the first "multi-utility", putting two essentials under one corporate roof and providing cost savings from combining bills and other services.

There have been cost-savings at United Utilities — but the savings have come from job losses. Worse, the company admitted that they would pay for the cost of the merger and fund higher dividends for shareholders, which are promised to grow in real terms by 11 per cent a year. Any benefits to customers, at least before the next regulatory review in 2000, would be entirely voluntary.

Such customer benefits duly emerged, with a rebate of £10 a household at a cost of £40 million in the last financial year. But they came too late to head off huge unpopularity, arising from a combination of mass sackings and apparent boardroom greed. Sir Desmond acquired the name "King of the Fat Cats". Labour, while still in opposition, staged a demonstration outside the Mayfair offices.

The ambitious expansion, especially overseas, since the merger has not been noticeably successful. The company disclosed a £83 million write-off against the cost of building a sewage system for Bangkok, a loss said yesterday to have contributed to Mr Staples's departure. There have been fears in the market that a similar job in Manila may go sour. Closer to home, the company had to admit defeat in the tough electrical retailing market, selling Norweb's retail operation to Comet.

Worse, the City is wondering whether the original concept of putting water and power into one business was fundamentally flawed, and not justified by cost savings. Alternatively, some analysts suspect other utilities, such as ScottishPower, which owns Manweb and Southern Water, may be making a better fist of the job.

"The jury is still out, to a certain extent," said one analyst. "Their results didn't look as good in my view as ScottishPower's. With United Utilities, there were lots of one-offs in their accounts, and question marks over whether they have delivered. In terms of actually delivering enhancement of earnings per share, it is still unproven — and I'm not sure problems overseas are over, either."

The loss of another high-profile executive like Mr Staples, whatever the reasons, will be a further blow to Sir Desmond. On hearing the news, the analyst commented: "I had thought that, having lost Thian, he couldn't afford to lose a second one."

Tarmac-ed over

EXECUTIVE sackings, 1990s style: if you lose a chief executive, there is nothing like a bit of character blackening to unnerve the departed one just as he or she is about to bring the heavy legal guns to bear. There were some real lulus whizzing around after news that Brian Staples was handing in his executive washroom keys at United Utilities. He had always been seen as the grey man to chairman Sir Desmond Pitcher's raving megalomaniac, but not if half the stories are true. Some, if repeated, would certainly ensure his compensation package is swiftly swollen by a large libel settlement.

But Staples does stand guilty of one shocking crime. His entry in *Who's Who*, 1996 edition, contains at least one error. The much-married 52-year-old claims two former wives. This has been disputed before. But he also claims to have been chief executive of Tarmac from 1991-94. Alas, that honour belongs to another; he ran the contracting division. Such mistakes are easy to make when you have such a huge multi-utility to run.

● *THAT bitter industrial dispute seems to have caused some cynicism at British Airways. Some staff are unimpressed by the news that the company wants an alliance with Iberia, the Spanish carrier. This arrived, out of a clear blue sky, just a couple of days after BA appointed a fresh set of spin-doctors. Some are wondering if the two events are related.*

Life's a beach

VISITORS to the Broadgate Circle the week after next can enjoy the creation of the country's biggest ever sand sculpture. Citibank is sponsoring Mark Anderson to create a reproduction of five of the world's most famous buildings, out of sand shipped from Weymouth beach and plain water. No glue, and no cheating, we are promised. The work will take all week, and passers-by during that time are offered the chance to take part in competitions to make sandcastles.

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Sand and water are hardly the most durable of materials, and Anderson will not be on a 24-hour watch there. What if, horrific thought, a few market traders, half a dozen Pimms the worse for wear, spill out of Corney & Barrow and — well, some temptations are hard to resist. Citibank's spokeswoman sounds horrified. The thought has clearly never occurred to her. "They have security guards there, don't they?"

Casting a Paul

WHO is Paul Zimmerman? This is the burning question at Michael Page, embroiled in a deeply embarrassing row with Douglas Llambias Associates (DLA), a rival headhunter. Unless someone finds the elusive Zimmerman, the next action will be in the courts.

The dispute, flagged in this column last week, involved Zimmerman — no one of that name actually works at Page — passing himself off as an employee of WPP, the advertising group, and asking DLA to supply some names, so ensuring his rival did his work for him.

In the gentlemanly world of British headhunting, this sort of behaviour is akin to arriving drunk at a Royal garden party and kicking one of the corgis. Douglas Llambias wants blood. The best Michael Page has been able to offer is that the hapless Zimmerman will receive "a right bollocking" — once they work out who he is. This will not be enough for Llambias, who is likely to issue a writ for fraudulent misrepresentation.

● *HOARE GOVETT, the broker to Body Shop International, hosted an event for analysts the other day, allowing them to try out the company's Direct products. These are for home shopping parties — Ann Summers for the ecologically sound, even if I cannot see Anita Roddick approving of the comparison. Chosen for the full makeover was Nick Hawkins, of Merrill Lynch, and he looked none too pleased about it. Hawkins's beard allowed him to talk his way out of one of two of the lines available, but his feet got the full treatment — pumice, peppermint oil, the works.*

Just credit that

A WHILE back there was a largely bogus piece of research that attempted to prove, from a statistical analysis of insurance claims, that women made the best drivers. Now along comes the claim that they are better credit risks as well, and the bad luck, chaps, is that this one seems to be properly researched.

The Society of Practitioners of Insolvency says women are not only five times less likely than men to go bust, they are also more likely to agree debt repayment rather than pull the whole temple down by going into bankruptcy. Women also owe 14 per cent less on average to creditors, although whether this reflects of the smaller size of their businesses I cannot say.

The bad news for some of us is that married, middle-aged men are the most likely to go bust.

MARTIN WALLER

Roddick: home products

LOSING SLEEP?

foreclosure *n.* **1** shut down golf course (after *errant ball on head*) **2** one better than a fiveclosure **3** take possession of a property because an owner cannot repay money.

liquidate *v.* **1** a blind date, usually with a member of the *Campaign For Real Ale* **2** wind up the affairs (of a company) by ascertaining liabilities and apportioning assets.

tax *n.* **1** item commonly used for securing carpet to floor **2** round disk as dispensed to motorists (ref. *Swansea*) **3** fiscal obligation to State executed under very complex laws.

summons *n.* **1** belonging to somebody (*summons hat; summons car; has summon lost this?*) **2** a call to appear before a judge or magistrate.

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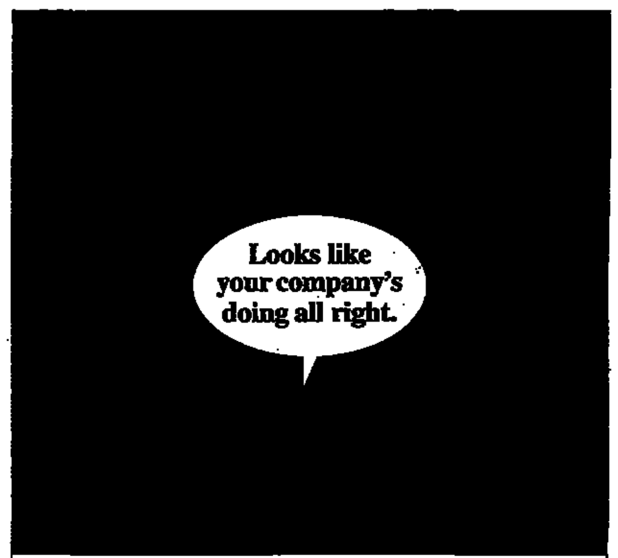
For AIB see Govett (John)				
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	784.90	835.10	-20.10	2.29
General Inc	650.30	691.98	-16.60	2.29
UK Growth Acc	543.70	578.50	-14.00	2.22
UK Growth Inc	347.70	369.90	-8.90	2.22
Higher Inc Acc	959.90	1021.20	-22.10	3.70
Higher Inc Inc	503.50	535.70	-11.80	3.70
Gilt & Fxd Int Acc	230.50	232.90	-0.30	6.46
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	94.16	99.45	-0.15	5.46
Nth America	405.70	431.70	-6.80	
Europe	432.40	460.10	-6.60	
Brit Excell	108.50	115.50	-2.90	2.35
Brit Fndmtls Acc	132.90	141.40	-2.00	4.34
Brit Fndmtls Inc	87.59	93.19	-1.35	4.34
Global Opps	113.90	121.20	-1.80	..
Balanced Acc	71.21	75.76	-1.12	2.80
Balanced Inc	65.81	70.02	-1.05	2.80
Japan Acc	43.95	46.76	-0.19	..
Pac Basin Acc	398.90	424.40	-1.60	0.86
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	136.10	144.40	-0.10	6.36
High Inc Equity	207.20	221.60†	-5.40	4.38
Worldwide Bond	265.50	281.50	-0.80	3.95
American Growth	480.80	513.40	-10.60	0.33
Asian Pacific	340.40	364.10	-3.60	0.38
Assets & Earnings	323.00	345.50	-8.10	2.71
Euro Capital Acc	229.60	245.60	-6.30	0.61
Extra Inc	43.59	46.37†	-0.41	8.48
General	300.70	319.50	-7.40	2.87
Global Opps	80.76	85.91	-1.21	0.47
Japan	103.40	110.60	-0.30	
Managed Inc	51.81	54.27†	-0.56	4.15
Mastertrust	189.20	202.40	-2.90	1.10
US Emerging Cos	201.90	215.90	-3.20	
Ethical	83.78	89.13†	-1.31	2.05
International	152.00	161.70	-2.00	0.54
Dividend & Growth	76.64	81.53†	-1.79	4.12
Global Gwth & Sec	77.19	82.45	+0.08	2.45
Latin America	92.33	98.75	-1.95	0.39
Capital Reserve	149.50	149.60		4.67
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0141 275 8580				
ANP FK Growth	104.40	111.00†	-2.50	2.09
Equity Income	148.40	157.80	-3.40	4.18
Extra Income	283.70	301.70	-6.30	5.83
Smaller Cos	104.00	110.60	-0.40	1.73
International	129.20	137.40	-2.70	1.37
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2345.00	2448.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
American	74.32	77.26	-1.48	
Emerging Mkts	79.17	82.44†	-0.85	
European	168.11	174.81	-2.76	
Extra Income #	53.72	56.53†	-1.03	5.44
Far East Emg Eco	125.54	131.68†	-1.43	0.64
Fixed Interest #	26.86	27.72	-0.02	8.49
Fund Inv Tst #	165.45	173.60†	-1.67	8.89
Japan	182.40	189.50	-0.86	
Latin American	76.90	80.70	-2.35	
Pacific	82.46	86.56	-0.24	0.14
Property	83.51	87.65†	-0.43	1.62
UK Emerging Cos	67.49	72.93†	-0.14	1.14
UK Growth	63.83	66.48	-1.52	1.48
Abs Gold Port #	89.61	94.30†	-1.33	2.55
Ethical	82.78	86.08†	-0.71	1.19
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.39	50.39†	-0.04	7.00
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 256 5868				
Health Property #	102.50	109.00		5.21
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	100.20	106.31	-1.39	1.97
Income Builder Inc	89.53	95.24†	-1.52	3.69
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	332.20	355.10	-3.40	2.83
Capital	571.80	611.20	-4.90	1.03
Balanced	961.10	1027.80†	-11.00	2.37
Accumulator	1975.00	2094.00	-20.00	1.56
Income Trusts				
American Income	76.09	81.080	-0.71	2.00
High Income	542.10	579.50	-4.70	3.88
Equity Income	302.20	323.00†	-2.80	3.44
High Yield	326.20	348.70	-2.70	3.63
Govt Securities	36.02	38.030	-0.10	5.46
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	261.30	278.60	-2.90	0.04
European Growth	67.97	72.590	-1.60	0.05
International	212.50	227.10†	-2.50	0.10
Japan	189.80	202.80†	-0.90	
Pacific	422.00	451.10†	-1.40	
Secs of America	697.90	742.80	-14.60	0.11
Worldwide Asset Val	60.13	64.270	-0.68	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Values	749.40	801.10	-8.50	1.72
Conv & Gilt	55.20	59.000	-0.41	3.59
Smaller Cos	198.10	211.70	-0.80	1.08
2nd Smaller Cos	187.70	200.60	-0.60	0.77
Recovery	187.20	200.20	-1.40	1.20
Utd Min & Cmdty	146.50	156.60	-0.70	0.20
Prosp Earnings	489.20	523.00	-5.50	0.93
Technology	267.30	285.70†	-4.30	
UK Special Sits	651.90	696.80	-6.30	1.54
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Contrctd Out Pens	136.10	141.30		
Foundtn Persl Pens	80.64	83.76		
For BG-Thornhill Unit Tst see Thornhill Unit Trust				
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	413.30	439.70	-3.00	
Bond	123.40	129.80†		6.43
Brit Smlr Cos	108.60	116.60	-0.30	1.90
Conv & Gen #	66.01	70.22	-0.51	5.54
Europe	348.20	370.00	-6.60	0.10
Euro Smlr Cos	127.00	135.40	-0.90	0.31
Income Gwth	386.70	410.90†	-1.70	4.25
Japan	335.20	356.00	-0.10	
Latin American	113.80	121.10†	-2.40	0.51
Pacific	122.30	130.10	-0.60	0.53
UK Smlr Cos	58.80	62.55	-0.09	1.29
Japan Fd	634.10	652.90	+0.30	
Shin Nippon Fd	231.60	246.30	-3.80	2.54
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Gilt & Ccsvs	440.40	465.80		0.76
Capital Gwth	156.20	165.20		2.53
World Opps	255.80	270.50		0.81
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Cash & Inc Inc	494.00	525.60	-14.70	1.67
European Bd Inc	97.66	101.20†	-0.10	5.78
Europe	97.79	104.00	-3.10	2.25
500	495.50	532.70	-1.90	1.98
General	377.50	401.60	-12.00	1.73
Recovery	259.90	273.80		
Trustee	265.30	287.20†	-7.20	1.70
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30		6.11
Dividend Inc	121.50	132.40	-2.20	5.40
Extra Income #	158.10	168.60	-4.10	4.34
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.35	63.25	+0.04	7.39
Income #	661.30	705.30†	-17.50	4.48
Income Builder #	76.92	81.92	-1.66	4.96
Intl Income	82.11	87.35†	-2.05	1.18
Growth Trusts-UK				
Capital	167.70	178.40	-5.60	1.55
FT-SE Trkr	122.70	130.30	-4.70	1.91
Leisure	182.80	194.48	-2.30	1.37
Recovery	581.80	620.50	-19.20	1.79
Smlr Cos	57.74	61.59	-0.13	2.23
Special Sits	481.50	513.30	-11.60	1.64
Growth Trusts-Overseas				
America	216.90	230.50	-4.40	0.06
Euro Growth	316.70	337.10	-7.50	0.72
Far Eastern	187.70	199.70	-1.50	0.29
Euro Smlr Cos	225.60	239.80	-5.90	0.56
[illegible]	245.60	259.90	-6.50	0.76
Japan	129.30	137.40	-0.30	
-do- Accum	130.10	138.90	-0.60	
Japan Smlr Cos	60.94	64.84	-0.75	
World Inc	221.70	235.40†	-4.50	0.64
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	169.10	178.10	-2.00	
Asian Smlr Cos	167.20	177.20	-2.10	
Eastern	361.00	382.90	-0.20	0.30
Euro Income #	115.00	123.90†	-2.00	4.70
European Growth	358.10	384.00	-7.10	0.80
Europe	421.50	448.90	-4.70	0.60
German Growth	122.70	130.80	-1.90	0.50
Global Bond	72.74	74.38†	+0.01	6.70
Global Growth	127.10	134.70	-2.80	0.40
Japan Growth	113.90	119.90	-0.50	
Japan Smlr	111.90	118.50	-0.30	
Korea Fund	53.44	56.48		0.07
Portfolio	165.10	172.50	-3.00	2.00
-do- Accum	217.90	223.40	-5.90	2.00
UK Growth	124.90	130.68†	-2.90	3.07
UK Smaller Cos	103.50	112.30	-0.12	1.90
Select Managed	96.63	102.40	-1.30	1.60
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	107.60	114.50†		
Special Oppor Inc	[illegible]	77.70		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD 0141 222 8000				
Enhanced Growth	[illegible]	179.29	-2.70	1.47
-do- Accum	[illegible]	204.82	-3.17	1.41
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	176.31		0.49
Higher Yield #	[illegible]	67.24	-1.68	3.98
American Gth Inc	[illegible]	131.14	-1.60	
European Growth	[illegible]	305.61	-4.32	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	270.01	-4.47	
Mngd Pfolio Inc	[illegible]	63.73	-0.86	1.23
-do- Accum	[illegible]	68.42	-0.90	1.23
[illegible]	[illegible]	205.57	-2.80	
[illegible]	[illegible]	166.25	-1.13	
UK Growth #	115.99	119.98†	-2.01	2.95
-do- Accum #	[illegible]	112.63	-2.22	2.95
Japan	53.31	56.57†	-0.10	
Gilt & Fxd Int #	105.07	108.90	-0.08	7.74
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 490 7218				
Short Dated Gilt	64.76	65.91	-0.04	6.61
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5050				
[illegible]	195.10	207.50†	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	250.00	263.20	9.00	1.70
UK Income	169.10	178.00	3.00	1.89
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 922 100				
Can Gen Dist	264.80	280.70†	5.90	1.47
-do- Income Dist	144.60	153.20	2.88	1.75
-do- Accum	481.10	509.90	-9.20	3.20
Gilt & Fxd Int	42.50	44.65	-0.07	6.29
Growth Dist	300.70	327.80	-7.40	1.82
Bond	184.10	193.60	0.10	6.30
[illegible]	256.40	271.00	-3.70	0.17
North American	387.40	426.50†	-6.70	0.08
Far East	307.50	327.90†	-0.50	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	214.50	750.80	+0.10	1.44
European	108.80	116.60†	2.70	0.43
Japanese Growth	61.77	44.28	-0.73	
High Income	255.90	273.00	-5.10	3.72
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	260.20	276.30	1.70	
European Inc	113.50	120.40	1.80	0.12
Smaller Cos (4-1)	103.80	110.50	-0.10	1.87
Growth	627.20	667.80	-12.20	1.79
Income & Growth #	520.00	553.70†	-13.20	4.51
-do- Accum #	812.70	864.10	-20.60	4.51
Japan & Gen	63.30	66.92	-0.30	
Nomura Gwth	1365.00	1453.00†	-34.00	1.72
-do- Accum	1705.00	1815.00	-44.00	1.72
Special Sits	143.60	152.90†	-2.90	1.91
High Yield	1694.00	1747.80	38.00	1.92
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	110.47	117.80†	-1.75	2.09
American Portfolio	149.13	158.24	-1.50	0.76
European Portfolio	157.86	167.94	-4.02	0.42
High Income	54.12	56.97	-0.07	6.65
Japanese Portfolio	62.69	66.69†	-0.73	
Pacific Portfolio	159.87	171.91	-1.24	0.70
UK Equity	108.08	115.42	-2.38	2.89
UK Equity & Bd	63.08	68.87	-0.83	5.29
UK Smlr Cos	51.36	54.94	-0.87	1.71
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	882.56	895.90		3.66
Inv Fd Acc	893.80	897.40	...	
Fxd Int Sec Inc	159.76	169.40		8.92
Fxd Int Sec Acc	163.39	164.05		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	891.07	904.53	...	3.45
Investment Acc	4231.91	4308.05		
Fixed Int Inc	129.35	129.87		8.03
Fixed Int Acc	251.50	252.50		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	89.47	94.29		5.31
Beck Bio-Tech	38.27	41.53†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	197.63	207.53†		0.45
City Fin Acorn	84.61	88.85	-0.44	1.67
City Fin Intl	95.75	100.55		0.08
Friars Hse Cap	332.65	353.88†	-1.56	1.68
Buckley Wrld Gth	149.47	158.44		
Shaw Utilities	75.50	77.03	-1.29	4.52
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	63.94	67.84	-0.85	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0345 772 233				
American Gwth	93.74	99.72	-1.51	
Dragon Growth	73.14	78.22	-0.47	0.27
Equity High Inc	104.90	111.00	-2.44	3.55
-do- Accum	155.39	164.43	-3.62	3.55
Extra Income Inc	27.69	29.15†	+0.02	6.50
Extra Income Acc	31.77	33.45	+0.03	6.50
European Gwth	77.87	82.49	-1.63	0.13
Evergreen	33.94	36.29	-0.37	
General Equity	123.44	130.29	-2.80	2.56
Japan Growth	44.95	47.82	-0.19	
Pedigree Gwth	71.73	75.90	-1.69	2.05
Pef Sm Cos Inc	38.74	40.99	-0.14	1.39
-do- Accum	41.49	43.90	-0.15	1.39
Retirement Inc #	31.59	33.61	-0.62	5.56
Special Sit	51.71	55.69	-0.56	2.69
UK & Overseas	69.17	73.20	-1.33	0.43
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD 01634 898 000				
Balanced	78.05	81.30	-1.85	2.29
Capital	94.64	98.58	-1.61	2.23
High Income	54.73	57.07		6.48
Top 50	67.52	70.33	-1.97	2.29
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	207.26	215.94	-3.68	4.47
Long Gilt	47.05	48.99†	-0.13	5.74
Monthly Inc Plus	54.22	56.48	+0.01	7.93
Preference Share	51.17	53.31†	+0.02	7.31
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	150.06	156.33†	-2.49	5.73
Managed Fund	84.70	88.24	-1.23	2.56
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	50.55	52.66	-0.10	1.61
-do- Accum	60.45	62.98	-0.10	1.61
UK & General	115.37	120.19	-2.84	2.34
-do- Accum	152.95	159.34	-3.76	2.34
UK Growth	224.49	233.87	-5.20	1.68
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	251.83	262.35	-6.55	0.51
Far Eastern Gth	136.99	142.71	-0.70	0.20
Global Bond	72.09	75.07	-0.24	6.84
Japan Growth	110.41	115.02	-0.59	
North Amer Gth	282.71	293.73	-5.68	
Oriental Growth	86.99	90.62	-0.27	0.54
Worldwide Growth	81.57	84.98	-1.59	0.31
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.73	92.73	+0.03	5.89
Homemaker Fund	101.82	108.12	-2.02	2.00
Quilter Fund	171.51	182.48	-4.87	1.97
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	39.41	42.12		3.75
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	192.90	203.10	-1.60	1.83
Income	79.18	84.23†	-2.98	4.31
European	88.78	94.45	-1.91	0.17
Recovery	176.30	187.60	-1.00	2.87
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 8494				
Emmy Dist	1145.50	1163.90		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	112.40	119.59	-1.60	1.14
Income #	310.90	330.70	-6.50	4.16
-do- Accum #	845.50	899.49	-17.70	4.16
Smaller Cos	218.80	232.50†	-0.60	1.03
-do- Accum	273.10	290.50	-0.80	1.03
Gm Portfolio	108.02	114.80	-2.10	1.24
High Inc Port #	92.06	97.93	+1.95	4.26
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1823.80	1843.70		0.56
UK Small Cos	2185.70	2277.70		3.01
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	237.60	244.90		3.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	198.20	210.80†	-5.60	1.53
UK High Inc Inc	210.20	223.70	-6.10	3.18
-do- Accum	293.10	311.80	-8.60	3.18
UK Pref & F Inc	62.09	65.85†	+0.02	5.81
Emerald Opps	118.40	125.90†	-2.90	0.79
UK Smlr Cos	70.56	75.06	-0.29	0.90
Extra Income Inc	53.31	56.69	+0.03	6.86
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 690 525				
Convertibles #	23.61	25.09†	-0.14	5.56
Enterprise	118.50	125.60†	-0.50	1.999
Equity Income #	158.50	169.50†	-3.83	3.75
European	73.29	77.60	-1.11	
Financial	67.75	71.98	-1.73	1.39
Growth & Inc #	328.50	346.90	-7.68	2.52
High Dist #	201.48	214.00	-4.28	3.97
International	459.30	488.00†	-5.60	0.20
Intl Cap Inc	117.80	125.80†	-1.90	2.15
Latin American	39.77	42.26	-1.77	..
Mgd Gwth Port	95.65	100.60		
Pacific	86.70	92.12	-0.12	
Pref High Inc	23.69	25.17†	-0.03	7.15
Tokyo	205.70	218.60	-0.40	
UK Smaller Cos	241.20	256.30	-0.60	1.17
Formerly Dunedin Unit Trusts				
Japan Sm Cos	352.60	373.80	-0.90	
Nth Amer	507.90	537.40†	-7.60	0.54
UK Inc & Gth	292.20	311.80	-7.00	2.38
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
BR Director Divs	123.94	132.56	-2.56	0.97
Growth Acc	311.77	332.34	+5.55	0.19
Income	610.05	651.84†	-17.29	5.88
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	257.60	273.90		1.00
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	108.37	114.07†	-1.14	1.46
Ethical Tst	52.91	55.69	-0.46	0.72
Far Eastern	309.00	325.26†	-2.05	1.49
High Income	158.25	166.58	-1.61	4.49
UK Index Trcking	62.66	65.96	-0.79	2.65
Intl Growth	153.89	161.99	-1.46	1.02
North American	175.18	184.40	0.86	1.55
Pelican	167.16	175.96	1.93	2.73
Smaller Cos	70.05	73.74†	-0.11	2.69
Special Sits	92.61	97.48	-0.35	3.18
Trst of Inv Tsts	238.63	251.25	-0.87	1.42
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	117.24	124.29	-1.93	
Fd of Inv Tsts	57.79	61.32†	-0.57	0.47
High Income #	39.73	42.13†	0.70	11.87
Man 5 Gt Opps	51.52	55.40	-0.73	
Zero Preference	47.22	50.10†		
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	109.80	116.80†	2.70	2.22
United Charities	330.80	351.90	-4.40	1.80
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.10
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	25.90	26.84†	-0.36	5.45
Strategic Inc	28.77	30.06†	-0.20	5.65
Income Funds				
High Income	29.34	30.81†	-0.31	5.00
Income Plus	154.20	164.00	-2.90	3.65
European Income	59.54	63.31	-1.13	2.15
Moneybuilder Gwth	36.31	38.61	-0.83	2.16
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	52.86	56.39	-0.01	
American	384.00	407.90	-7.90	
Amer Spec Sits	227.30	242.00	-4.60	
Japan Smaller Cos	36.78	39.38	-0.10	
European	271.50	288.70	-3.70	0.47
European Opps	101.10	107.60	-1.80	0.53
Global Prv	37.41	39.78	-0.63	0.41
UK Growth	141.10	150.10	-2.88	1.30
Growth & Inc	204.90	217.90†	-4.70	2.19
Intl PEP	56.75	60.35†	-1.02	1.14
Japan Spec Sits	81.60	86.45	-0.33	
Japan	184.60	195.70†	-0.80	
Managed Intl	424.30	450.60	-6.40	0.60
Moneybuilder Plus	73.93	78.61†		0.98
Recovery	65.59	69.74	-0.43	1.96
South E Asia	199.30	212.40	-1.30	0.91
Special Sits	798.40	849.00	-3.70	0.52
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	120.12	120.12	+0.04	6.10
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	170.80	173.00		1.60
Fleming Prf Inc #	102.90	103.60	-0.80	6.37
Cap Prtflo	189.00	190.60	-3.50	0.09
General Opps	159.60	161.50		3.10
Growth Inc	44.19	44.61	-1.18	1.66
Private Portfolio	549.90	556.40		1.11
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Dlg 01277 690 396 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	165.60	176.10	-2.70	
High Income	23.82	25.31†	-0.48	8.69
Japan Smlr Cos	16.52	17.68	-0.04	
US Smaller Cos	478.10	508.50	-6.00	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	92.29	97.89	-1.68	
-do- Accum	92.79	97.89	-1.68	
Amer Smlr Cos	715.20	763.50	-6.28	..
-do- Accum	738.70	780.00	-6.30	
Capital Tst	398.20	433.80	-1.60	1.26
-do- Accum	573.40	610.00	-2.30	1.26
Conti Smlr Cos	84.22	88.61†	-0.56	0.97
-do- Accum	68.91	73.03†	-0.82	0.97
Convertible	140.40	148.40†	-1.10	5.17
-do- Accum	318.00	336.30†	-2.60	5.17
Emerging Markets	77.54	82.84	-1.46	0.54
-do- Accum	78.16	83.50	-1.49	0.54
European	179.60	190.30	-4.00	0.40
-do- Accum	191.00	202.40	-4.20	0.40
Extra Income	431.60	459.10†	-8.10	4.02
-do- Accum	710.90	756.30†	-13.40	4.02
Financial	216.10	229.90	-2.60	0.94
-do- Accum	231.50	246.30	-2.60	0.94
Gilt Trust	63.51	65.49	-0.08	7.04
-do- Accum	101.80	104.90	-0.10	7.04
Health Fund Inc	269.90	288.40	-2.00	
-do- Accum	268.80	289.40	-2.00	
Income & Growth	254.70	271.00	-4.70	4.08
-do- Accum	416.80	443.40	-7.90	4.08
Intl Growth	469.10	499.20	-7.30	
-do- Accum	520.90	554.40	-8.00	
Japan & Gen	163.00	173.00	-0.70	
-do- Accum	164.60	174.80	-0.60	
Monthly Inc #	220.60	234.90†	-3.70	4.26
-do- Accum #	227.10	241.60†	-3.65	4.26
Managed Port Inc	128.90	136.70	-1.80	1.31
-do- Accum	142.90	150.40	-2.00	1.31
Quarterly Income #	60.91	65.18	-1.13	5.07
-do- Accum #	71.95	76.89	-1.35	5.07
Recovery	345.50	369.90†	-3.80	
-do- Accum	408.40	436.80†	-4.30	
UK Growth	73.38	78.04	-1.37	1.79
-do- Accum	81.66	86.21	-1.50	1.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01722 716835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	74.80	79.49	-1.67	...
FP Am Smlr Cos	214.90	229.20†	-2.50	..
FP Asian Growth	294.60	314.20†	-2.60	...
FP Australian	452.70	483.90	-4.90	...
FP Equity Dist	524.00	558.90†	-15.10	1.95
-do- Accum	1182.00	1260.00	-35.00	1.95
FP Euro Gth	358.10	381.90	-8.10	..
-do- Accum	392.30	418.40	-8.90	..
FP Intl Bond	55.76	59.00	-0.15	3.98
FP Intl Gth Dist	43.34	46.22	-0.90	..
-do- Accum	63.66	67.90	-1.31	...
FP Pac Basin Acc	231.20	246.60	-1.70	...
FP Income #	83.53	89.89†	-1.76	4.27
-do- Accum #	237.80	253.60	-5.70	4.27
FP Jap Smlr Cos	243.20	259.40	-0.70	...
FP Monthly Dist #	81.87	87.32†	-1.28	4.71
FP Stg Deposit	100.30	100.30	+0.10	5.19
FP Tokyo	78.46	83.69	-0.18	..
FP UK Focus	49.47	52.76	-1.60	1.43
FP UK Growth	231.30	246.70	-7.80	1.59
-do- Accum	476.10	507.80	-16.00	1.59
Stewardship Dist	455.20	485.50†	-2.30	1.44
-do- Accum	579.00	617.60	-2.90	1.44
Stewdshp Inc Dist #	78.31	83.53†	-0.19	4.98
-do- Accum #	110.80	117.90	-0.30	4.98
N Am Stshp Dist	154.70	164.90	-1.40	
-do- Accum	166.60	177.50	-1.50	
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	116.80	117.30†	-2.00	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	118.10	118.60	-2.00	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	146.70	156.00†	-0.50	0.60
Open Cap Gth Acc	148.10	157.50†	-0.90	..
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	131.50	139.80	-0.10	2.69
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	140.80	149.70	-0.10	2.69
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	135.40	144.00	-0.38	3.58
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	146.60	155.90	-0.50	3.58
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 1097				
GANDA	344.60	365.60	-6.80	1.58
Cash	48.65	50.39	+0.01	4.52
Growth Portfolio	102.90	109.50	-1.80	..
Income Portfolio	82.88	87.72	-1.05	2.81
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	229.60	244.90†	-0.40	0.52
Dividend	110.50	118.20†	-4.80	3.81
Intl Gth & Inc	277.40	295.70†	-5.60	1.34
UK & Gen	55.01	58.83	-0.99	1.16
Fund of Funds	82.86	88.62	-0.20	..
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	233.60	249.80	-3.80	0.13
European Gth	859.00	913.30	-16.10	0.52
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	58.76	62.30	-0.47	3.83
-do- Accum	67.49	71.54	-0.54	3.83
High Yield #	52.82	55.81	-0.08	7.34
-do- Accum #	61.05	64.50	-0.09	7.34
Income Inc	217.50	232.70	-3.50	3.71
-do- Accum	252.70	270.30	-4.08	3.71
Intl Growth	410.10	435.49	-4.60	0.28
Intl Income	107.40	113.70	-2.08	2.08
Japan Growth	451.40	478.20	-0.70	..
Orient Acc	216.70	230.99	-3.70	0.13
UK General Inc	209.10	222.50	-5.20	1.57
UK General Acc	373.60	389.50	-9.50	1.57
UK Sm Cos Dir Acc	61.92	66.23	-0.07	1.75
UK Spec Sits	113.90	121.99	-1.50	1.33
US Growth	227.40	240.30	-4.40	..
Wwide Spec Sits	175.30	186.20	-2.80	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	67.98	72.60	-1.78	2.00
Practical Inv Inc #	136.47	145.95	-1.32	3.30
-do- Accum #	331.69	354.75	-3.22	3.30
UK Index	210.99	212.05	-4.74	2.94
UK Smaller Cos	216.95	232.03	-5.18	0.47
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.60	26.42†	+0.01	6.98
High Income	39.31	41.92	-0.71	3.89
UK Growth & Inc	182.14	194.56	-3.96	2.37
Global Bond	27.26	28.25†	-0.05	4.85
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	52.66	56.32	-1.22	..
Global Managed	161.85	171.93	-2.57	1.08
Gold & Intl Res	101.61	108.67†	+0.63	..
Global Utilities	169.94	181.19†	-3.96	0.63
Overseas Funds				
American	235.84	249.69†	-4.25	0.50
European	163.21	173.49	-4.17	0.48
Euro Sel Opps	252.69	268.17	-6.87	..
Amer Emerging	190.11	202.42	-1.42	..
Hong Kong	223.67	238.44	-1.84	0.78
Japan	214.19	227.22†	-1.15	..
Pacific Growth	233.08	250.21†	-2.35	..
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	289.03	289.03†	-4.96	1.63
Long Term Bal	308.57	308.57†	-4.54	2.69
Med Term Bal	248.94	248.94†	-2.67	2.81
UK Equity	346.92	346.92	-6.98	2.24
UK Emerging Cos	177.85	177.85†	-0.27	2.25
American	400.91	400.91	-8.56	0.33
Japan	123.65	123.65	-0.84	..
European	425.38	425.38	-11.10	0.63
Index Linked Gilt	195.14	195.14†	-0.09	2.84
Fixed Interest	192.44	192.44	-0.09	6.91
Amer Emerging	417.86	417.86	-2.18	..
Pacific	226.27	226.27†	+0.12	0.80
Emerging Mkts	144.99	144.99	-3.50	0.86
Index Strat Japan	130.70	130.70†	-0.72	0.21
-do- Pacific Rim	207.47	207.47†	+1.03	1.09
-do- Cont Europe	228.08	228.08†	-4.85	1.16
Index Strat USA	239.26	239.26†	-4.93	1.86
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	136.82	145.33	-2.59	..
Med Term Bal	119.26	126.87	-1.75	...
Cash Trust	151.39	151.39†	+0.06	5.97
Long Term Bal	138.52	147.38	-2.18	..
UK Equity	161.72	172.03	-3.47	...
UK Emerging Cos	83.93	89.28	-0.14	..
American	186.18	198.06	-4.24	..
Japan	59.25	63.03	-0.33	..
European	177.08	188.38	-4.89	..
Fixed Interest	98.84	105.86	-0.15	..
Index Linked Gilt	87.48	93.05	-0.05	..
Deposit	91.40	97.23	+0.04	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	170.91	179.91	-0.83	0.47
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	757.49	805.84	+0.41	0.63
-do- Accum	859.83	914.71	+0.47	0.63
European Inc	204.99	217.74	-3.54	1.05
Amalgam Inc	182.56	194.21		
N America Inc	481.80	512.55	-4.94	
Far East Inc	386.93	411.63	+1.53	0.45
-do- Accum	401.59	427.23	+1.59	0.45
UK Dlrd Inc	230.67	245.39	+3.78	1.24
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	132.78	141.50	-2.62	
Do NAV to Jun 20	129.82	129.82		
UK Equity Safeguard	105.05	112.17	-1.30	2.47
Do NAV to Sep 19	101.73	101.73		
Cash	958.33	964.13		5.50
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	337.60	357.90†	-13.10	1.79
British Growth	78.60	84.06	-1.00	1.43
UK Small Cos	72.06	77.05		0.49
FTSE 250 Index	93.66	100.16	-0.40	2.11
Geared UK Index	2105.48	2222.72†	-129.00	5.80
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	105.96	113.32	-2.40	4.24
Corp Bd	81.20	83.88	-0.08	
Monthly Inc	41.22	43.94†	-0.50	8.72
International Funds				
American Gen	281.70	298.10	-4.90	
American Strat	244.20	261.17	-2.50	
JG US Index	2160.27	2276.71†		4.80
European Gen	324.40	343.20	-6.40	0.71
European Strat	139.06	148.72	-1.50	
Japan Gen	150.30	159.10	+0.70	
Japan Strat	51.58	54.94	-0.10	
Asia Pacific	100.11	107.06	-0.62	
Pacific Strat	169.49	180.20	-3.30	
Greater China	300.04	320.86	-2.20	
Latin America	122.58	131.09	-3.60	
Intl Growth	176.63	188.90	-2.00	
Balanced Exempt	151.70	157.00		2.38
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9868				
European	691.00	738.20†	-16.70	
Gilt & Fixed	137.20	145.50	-0.20	5.18
Growth Equity	488.80	522.20	-13.60	1.31
Income Trust	168.80	180.30†	-4.10	3.92
International	230.60	248.30	-4.40	..
Japan Trust	118.60	126.80†	-0.30	
Nth American	424.90	453.90	-6.70	
Pacific	580.50	620.10	-4.30	0.06
Guardhill	720.30	769.50	-18.80	1.22
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
FMU Trust	95.00	98.59	-0.21	5.44
Global High Inc	93.18	96.71	-0.34	4.94
Corporate Bond	109.20	113.35†	-0.16	6.79
Eqty & Bond Inc	123.25	131.05†	-1.56	4.91
European Growth	153.09	162.77	-3.73	
Intl PEP Trust	82.62	87.84	-1.81	0.94
Equity Inc	160.64	170.41	-1.34	3.54
-do- Accum	241.70	257.09	-2.02	3.54
Recovery	455.98	484.78	-8.40	3.33
-do- Accum	548.89	583.20	-10.20	3.33
St Wrld High Inc	141.45	143.57	+1.21	6.80
UK Emerg Cos	296.30	315.06	-0.80	3.37
UK Smlr Cos	403.70	410.80†	-0.90	3.52
Glob Prtr Tst	147.77	157.12	-2.08	0.95
-do- Accum	153.63	163.35	-2.16	0.95
Inc Share Tst	96.69	102.61	-0.62	8.35
Small Cos	98.99	105.23	-0.44	1.93
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	60.41	64.06†	-0.95	3.19
Balanced Acc	65.90	69.86	-1.00	3.19
Growth	37.80	40.08	-0.85	1.82
Growth Acc	39.37	41.74	-0.89	1.82
Income	35.30	37.43†	-0.78	4.10
Income Acc	38.78	41.12	-0.77	4.10
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	31.85	33.64	-0.74	2.85
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
High Premier	183.10	186.69†	+0.19	6.41
Model Pfolio	278.10	292.70	-7.40	2.02
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Pvt Acc	48.50	51.46	-0.59	2.95
HENDERSON INVESTORS Enquiries: 0645 484848 Dealing: 0645 484646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	378.95	405.46	-8.47	0.49
Best of British	83.00	88.72	-1.58	1.98
UK Smaller Cos	153.15	164.62	-0.53	1.05
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	353.74	378.71	-6.29	3.56
-do- Accum #	1026.70	1095.07	-18.28	3.56
High Income	383.64	410.11†	-5.70	4.20
Extra Income #	328.57	347.38†	-3.26	5.16
Pref & Bond	91.32	93.83†	+0.01	8.80
International				
Ethical	138.80	139.88	-1.39	1.48
International	389.91	393.81	-3.82	
Global Bond	52.80	55.58†	-0.14	4.82
Intl Pref Tst	110.84	116.82†	-0.75	6.29
Global Tech	247.44	264.26	-3.03	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	198.98	212.70†	-2.47	0.65
European	740.24	794.32	-18.73	0.41
European Income #	106.53	112.80	-1.02	3.13
Euro Smlr Cos	218.91	234.36	-2.01	1.06
European Value	108.13	115.41	-1.35	..
-do- Accum	116.77	124.83	-1.88	..
Japan Trust	199.46	212.23†	-0.84	
Japan Smlr Cos	176.87	188.09	-0.82	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	237.97	253.53	-1.28	..
North American	393.40	417.08†	-7.80	..
American Smaller	203.41	216.63	-1.37	...
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	175.60	184.90	-0.80	4.61
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	148.57	155.57	...	1.42
Capital	234.41	245.45	...	1.13
Dollar	605.97	635.57	...	
Enterprise Gth	465.53	488.51	...	0.71
European	333.65	349.89†	...	
Far East	298.74	312.81	..	0.53
Financial	1339.76	1402.35	...	1.11
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.36	28.49†	..	6.62
High Yield #	130.22	136.35†	..	4.34
Income & Growth #	199.03	205.20	..	3.20
International	333.04	349.38†	...	0.26
Japanese General	187.04	195.86	...	
Japan Tech	90.23	94.48		
Nat Resources	75.89	79.47	..	0.40
Portfolio	93.09	97.48	...	1.82
Special Sits	226.70	237.48	...	0.19
UK Emerging Cos	127.76	133.78	..	1.28
US Smaller Cos	175.95	184.24†		
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	728.90	777.20†	-17.40	4.89
UK Growth	816.70	871.60	-20.30	1.75
High Income #	130.20	138.00†	-2.30	5.89
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	785.00	808.00	-17.80	0.25
European Gwth	184.20	185.90	-4.50	..
Japan Gwth	274.70	292.00	-1.10	..
Japan Smlr Cos	28.81	30.75	-0.11	..
Asian	63.82	68.11	-0.31	0.07
Sing & Malay Gwth	80.57	85.98	+1.67	
Hong Kong Gwth	228.50	243.70	-1.70	0.13
Global Bond	20.51	21.69†	-0.07	4.85
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	195.90	196.90†	-4.50	3.14
Tools Index	131.70	135.20	-0.20	2.57
THE FOOTSIE FUND	79.72	80.12†	-2.24	2.47
Index Funds-International				
American Index	360.90	382.70	-7.80	0.74
Eurotrack 100	239.50	249.70	-8.00	0.97
Japan Index	68.74	69.09	-0.28	0.13
Tiger Index	176.80	180.70	-1.90	0.65
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	50.60	52.85	-0.16	1.54
General Funds				
Managed Dist	98.44	102.80	-1.58	0.92
Managed	102.10	106.60	-1.60	0.92
Repeat Gilt Fd	124.80	130.10	-3.50	2.12
UK Growth	80.00	83.54	-1.72	1.51
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	96.32	100.60†	-1.60	5.48
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.84	28.76†	+0.02	7.82
UK Inc & Gwth	55.03	57.47	-1.34	2.92
UK Income #	421.80	440.50	-6.60	4.32
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	75.37	77.97	-1.21	...
Amer Smlr Cos	183.30	190.80†	-2.10	..
-do- Accum	185.30	193.00†	-2.00	..
Europe Gth	281.20	293.20	-5.70	...
-do- Accum	291.30	303.70	-5.90	..
Euro Smaller Cos	50.65	52.73	-0.52	..
French Growth	105.30	110.40	-2.70	0.03
-do- Accum	115.10	119.50	-3.00	0.03
H Kong & China	149.40	155.70	-1.10	0.26
Intl Growth	78.41	81.82	-1.36	0.36
-do- Accum	79.90	83.24	-1.38	0.36
Japan Gth	27.32	28.47†	+0.14	...
-do- Accum	27.32	28.47†	+0.14	..
Japan Smaller Cos	29.76	31.06	-0.14	..
Glob Emg Mkts	108.10	112.90†	-1.40	..
-do- Accum	108.80	113.60†	-1.50	..
SE Asia	364.90	381.10	-0.30	..
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	48.86	50.36	-0.16	6.87
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
UK Income #	128.10	136.30	..	2.99
UK Growth	133.40	141.90	..	1.49
Hy 5 Europe	113.20	118.90	..	1.88
Slater Gwth	204.50	218.10	..	0.92
New Japan	83.71	88.41	...	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	200.00	212.70†	-2.20	..
Income #	242.97	258.47†	-1.68	4.01
UK Growth	93.10	99.04†	-0.96	1.87
Intl Growth	95.90	100.08	-1.35	0.54
Ecology	109.47	116.45	-0.82	0.75
European	237.04	252.17†	-3.72	0.20
Far Eastern	340.63	362.37†	-0.23	..
UK Special Sits	60.26	64.27	-0.47	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	59.67	63.64	-0.70	0.53
High Income #	55.99	59.72	-0.92	4.89
Financial Opps	48.98	52.24	-0.75	...



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KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	105.10	108.60†	...	6.58
Euro Pdr Inc	119.60	126.60†	-1.30	2.75
-do- Accum	119.30	126.90†	-1.10	2.75
Gilt Yield	122.80	129.50†	-0.30	6.25
Global Income	254.90	271.20	-2.70	2.85
High Yield	188.20	200.20†	-3.80	4.86
-do- Accum	641.00	681.90†	-12.70	4.86
Money Market	100.54	100.54†	+0.03	6.36
Smlr Cos Div	63.80	67.87	-0.13	3.81
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	1094.00	1109.00†	-25.00	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	180.90	192.40†	-2.10	
Asian Growth	315.60	336.00	-2.50	..
-do- Accum	371.10	394.80	-3.10	..
North American	131.60	139.90†	-2.80	
European Special	150.60	160.20†	-2.70	1.04
European	211.90	225.40†	-3.70	0.57
-do- Accum	261.90	280.90†	-4.80	0.57
Global Eqty Inc	137.90	146.40	-2.30	1.90
Japan	381.10	405.40	+1.10	..
Japanese Special	201.80	214.70	+0.60	
Smaller Cos	151.20	160.90†	-0.80	0.97
UK Equity Growth	61.25	65.16	-1.26	1.09
UK Index Inc	394.10	398.10	-7.80	3.35
Blackburn Tst	117.70	126.40†	-0.20	1.56
-do- Accum	119.60	128.50†	-0.20	1.56
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	348.64	370.89	-6.15	4.45
Esk Growth	114.10	121.38	..	1.24
Inc & Growth	77.25	82.18†	-1.55	3.85
Smaller Cos	97.47	103.69	-0.36	1.22
Ever Spec Sit Inc	60.12	63.96	+0.06	1.80
Ever Spec Sit Acc	63.08	67.11	+0.05	1.80
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01277 690 432				
UK Cap	516.90	548.40	-10.50	1.59
UK Inc/Gth #	549.40	581.00	-12.00	3.30
UK Income #	387.70	411.46	-7.80	4.17
UK Sm Cos	295.50	314.70	-8.40	1.87
Euro Gwth	185.50	197.20	-3.50	0.14
N Amer Gwth	143.50	152.20	-1.90	..
Pacific Growth	12.10	12.84†	-0.14	0.97
Emg Mkts Gwth	92.74	98.40	-1.58	..
Japan Growth	54.93	58.28	-0.22	...
Dealing: 01277 842626				
Bath Port Inc	80.57	85.83	-0.44	0.82
Bath Port Acc	81.92	86.46	-0.44	0.82
Inc Port Inc	70.93	74.85†	-0.08	3.64
Inc Port Acc	81.14	85.64†	-0.09	3.54
Wwide Port	65.27	68.89†	-0.36	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 305				
Equity Dist @	705.80	705.80		2.32
-do- Accum @	1472.00	1472.00		2.32
Equity Income @	115.60	115.60†		4.86
UK Tactical Alocn @	82.31	82.31†		4.29
European @	177.50	177.50	...	0.92
Far Eastern @	236.30	236.30		
Fixed Interest @	56.97	56.97†		6.35
Gilt @	95.04	95.04		6.11
Global Growth @	90.83	90.83		0.31
Intl Bond @	48.80	48.80		4.81
Japanese @	69.15	69.15		
North American @	272.10	272.10†		0.24
Pacific Growth @	126.30	126.30	...	0.22
Pacific Index @	48.10	48.10	..	2.04
UK Index @	92.18	92.18	..	2.88
UK Recovery @	129.20	129.20	..	1.85
UK Smaller Cos @	160.70	160.70†	...	1.39
US Index @	107.00	107.00†	...	0.91
European Index @	112.70	112.70		1.18
Japan Index @	35.49	35.49†		
Worldwide @	111.60	111.60	..	1.34
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS 01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	65.60	70.15	-1.66	2.86
Income	76.22	81.51†	-1.31	3.86
Far East	48.10	51.52	-0.44	...
North American	157.60	168.00	-2.80	..
Global	103.20	110.30	-1.10	0.29
European	119.10	127.30	-1.70	0.63
Japan	89.31	95.25†	+0.12	..
Intl Currency Bd	56.62	58.11	-0.11	5.42
SE Asia	99.29	105.10	-1.10	0.40
UK Cap Growth	118.40	126.60	-2.90	1.31
Recovery Trust	97.25	104.00	+0.29	1.94
Managed	79.60	85.21	-0.79	1.54
Cash	50.93	50.93	+0.02	6.00
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 330 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	496.80	520.20		1.93
-do- Accum	1179.60	1255.00	..	1.93
Conti Euro Gth	95.85	101.90	...	...
-do- Accum	103.90	110.40	...	
Extra Inc #	336.50	357.00	...	3.65
Extra Inc Acc #	951.20	1012.00	...	3.65
FTSE 100 Inc	175.00	185.60	...	1.92
FTSE 100 Acc	162.60	172.90	...	1.92
Growth Gth	173.30	182.50	...	
-do- Accum	181.30	191.40	...	
Growth Port	751.50	799.50	..	0.24
-do- Accum	780.10	833.10	..	0.24
High Interest Inc	105.80	109.70†	..	6.90
High Interest Acc	117.30	121.80	..	6.90
Hi Reserve Inc #	116.70	126.30	..	5.78
Hi Reserve Acc #	134.00	142.80	..	5.78
Income Inc #	667.60	716.50		3.16
Income Acc #	1999.60	2082.00		3.16
Income Port	649.70	690.20	...	4.02
-do- Accum	747.70	795.50	...	4.02
Japan Growth	95.28	101.40	...	
-do- Accum	95.69	101.88	...	
Master Trust	75.37	80.19†	...	1.21
-do- Accum	88.36	94.22	...	1.21
Millennium Acc	110.20	117.30†	...	2.06
N American Gen	302.20	321.50	...	
-do- Accum	349.70	372.10	...	
NAm Sm Co Rec	211.80	225.20	...	
-do- Accum	216.00	229.80	...	
Pacific Basin	245.80	261.30	..	0.41
-do- Accum	261.80	278.60	...	0.41
Safety First Acc	108.20	113.00		1.72
Do until 12/5/98 ‡	99.27	...		
Small Cos Rec	563.70	590.30	..	2.09
-do- Accum	701.30	738.20	..	2.09
UK Eq Gth	198.20	210.90	...	2.22
UK Eq Inc #	187.40	197.50	...	3.73
UK Growth	125.60	133.90†	...	1.58
-do- Accum	160.60	170.90	...	1.58
Worldwide Gth	405.50	432.50	...	0.85
-do- Accum	691.30	698.70	...	0.83
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	108.57	116.65†	-2.38	0.60
General	124.62	133.71	-3.81	2.30
Income	83.75	88.86	-2.33	4.60
International	82.15	88.14†	-1.26	0.30
Japan	54.15	57.87	-0.15	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	84.42	90.57	-0.86	0.90
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svce/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	512.40	545.60	-13.30	0.12
-do- Accum	767.40	818.20	-18.70	0.12
Amer Recovery	734.60	776.00	-6.80	...
-do- Accum	848.60	898.30	-8.00	..
Amer Smlr Cos	181.20	191.60†	-2.70	..
-do- Accum	185.20	195.60†	-2.70	..
Australasian	217.20	229.70	-1.60	2.02
-do- Accum	275.40	291.20	-2.10	2.02
Capital	1023.30	1082.40	-15.40	2.84
-do- Accum	1234.80	1305.80	-18.60	2.84
Charifund	872.50	881.30	-15.80	5.50
-do- Accum	4670.80	4717.60	-84.60	5.50
Commodity	468.80	493.10	+8.70	0.54
-do- Accum	675.50	714.40	+1.00	0.54
Compound Gth	1211.60	1280.60	-23.90	2.77
-do- Accum	1354.30	1432.10	-26.80	2.77
Corporate Bond	27.43	27.52†	-0.05	6.69
Dividend	48.10	50.90	-0.80	4.67
-do- Accum	221.80	234.80	-4.20	4.67
Equity Income	344.50	364.30	-3.90	5.39
-do- Accum	498.30	519.20	-5.50	5.39
Euro & General	731.80	773.90†	-12.80	0.47
-do- Accum	944.50	998.90†	-16.20	0.47
Euro Dividend	89.50	94.60†	-1.50	3.49
-do- Accum	117.30	124.00†	-1.76	3.49
Euro Smlr Cos	56.80	60.10	-0.50	0.50
-do- Accum	57.00	60.30	-0.50	0.50
Extra Yield	517.00	546.70	-11.10	4.98
-do- Accum	1774.70	1877.50	-37.80	4.98
Fund of Inv Tsts	766.40	810.50	-8.70	1.29
-do- Accum	1495.16	1581.20	-13.10	1.29
General	79.60	83.50†	-1.80	3.68
-do- Accum	240.20	253.90†	-5.50	3.68
Gilt Income	65.65	65.75	-0.10	6.20
-do- Accum	207.48	207.82	-0.30	6.20
Gold	54.30	57.40†	+1.00	1.09
-do- Accum	65.50	69.20†	+1.20	1.09
High Income	38.40	38.60†	-0.70	4.59
-do- Accum	161.80	171.50†	-3.20	4.59
Intl Growth	98.60	104.30	-1.50	0.80
-do- Accum	174.70	184.80	-2.80	0.80
International Inc	122.50	129.50	-1.50	4.08
-do- Accum	198.20	216.50	-2.50	4.08
Japan & Gen	35.50	37.50	-0.10	..
-do- Accum	35.10	40.30		...
Japan Smlr Cos	122.20	129.10	-0.20	...
-do- Accum	123.60	130.10	-0.10	..
Managed Gwth	28.50	30.10†	-0.30	1.48
Managed Income	32.30	33.00	-0.40	4.24
Midland	58.20	61.50	-0.30	3.39
-do- Accum	207.10	219.10	-0.80	3.39
Pension Ex	1192.50	1222.40	-22.70	3.79
Recovery	49.50	52.30†	-0.90	2.93
-do- Accum	87.20	92.20†	-1.60	2.93
Second General	78.10	82.60†	-1.00	4.07
-do- Accum	219.00	231.60†	-2.90	4.07
Smaller Cos	63.80	67.50	-0.30	3.31
-do- Accum	134.10	141.90	-0.70	3.31
Sth East Asia	403.00	426.20	-1.10	1.82
-do- Accum	540.70	571.80	-1.80	1.82
Treasury	25.16	25.21	...	6.19
Trustee	47.40	50.10	-0.90	4.90
-do- Accum	210.20	222.40	-3.80	4.90
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	123.31	131.18	-2.35	0.16
Intl Bond	60.81	63.86	-0.14	3.69
Intl Equity Growth	96.50	102.59	-1.46	0.40
N Amer Growth	164.12	174.13	-3.10	0.56
Special Sits Growth	31.81	33.83	-0.62	2.05
UK Growth #	529.74	563.65	-15.61	2.47
-do- Accum	738.94	786.10	-21.77	2.47
NW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1559.40	1581.00	...	2.76
Income #	1137.00	1154.59†	...	4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.90	189.80†		3.63
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0800 363432				
High Inc #	180.80	193.70	-0.70	6.66
M & S Inv Pfolio	198.80	204.90†	-2.90	2.14
-do- Accum	240.80	248.30†	-3.50	2.14
UK Sel Pfolio	182.20	187.30†	-4.30	2.17
-do- Accum	224.10	231.00†	-4.50	2.17
UK 100 Cos	142.80	143.20	-3.15	2.33
-do- Accum	146.80	146.80	-3.20	2.33
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 642				
Managed Tst	72.96	77.62		3.11
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4840				
Intl Income	95.33	101.39†	-1.70	3.42
European	121.30	128.80	-2.50	0.32
Income #	96.78	102.70	-1.90	3.89
Nth American	117.90	125.20†	-1.50	0.01
Far East	196.20	208.30†	-2.70	0.16
Japan	65.74	69.78	-0.30	
Emging Mkts	102.20	109.30	-2.30	
Intl Growth	153.50	162.90	-2.70	0.38
UK Growth	137.60	146.10	-2.10	2.19
UK Smlr Co	61.51	65.28	+0.08	2.11
Asia Pacific	41.09	43.65†	-0.63	0.48
Glob Gwth PEP	73.21	77.71	-1.20	0.58
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	113.30	120.60	-1.60	...
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	546.69	581.59	-12.84	3.62
Global Inc	84.62	90.02	-1.17	3.34
Brit Leaders Inc	431.36	458.89	-10.22	1.58
Intl Leaders	270.55	287.83	-5.22	0.61
PAM Mg Bal Gth	75.80	79.10	+0.07	0.34
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	332.60	349.70	-8.00	...
-do- Accum	355.00	374.00	-8.40	..
American Opps	133.20	141.70	-1.40	
-do- Accum	134.90	143.50	-1.40	..
British Blue Chip	113.60	120.80	-3.60	2.50
-do- Accum	148.10	157.20	-4.80	2.50
Cash	101.30	101.30	+0.100	6.01
-do- Accum	153.60	153.60	+0.100	6.01
Emerging Mkts	157.40	167.30†	-2.10	0.81
-do- Accum	158.60	171.60†	-2.20	0.81
European Growth	395.90	419.20	-7.20	0.45
-do- Accum	431.70	457.10	-7.90	0.45
European Income	98.03	103.70†	-1.40	3.95
-do- Accum	145.60	154.20†	-2.00	3.95
General	676.20	719.20	-16.00	2.19
-do- Accum	1402.00	1491.00	-37.80	2.19
Global Bond	125.60	131.90	-0.90	3.40
-do- Accum	170.60	179.20	-0.50	3.40
Gold & General	155.50	167.20†	+2.300	0.44
-do- Accum	161.00	173.10†	+2.400	0.44
Govt Securities	97.24	100.20†		5.48
-do- Accum	214.00	220.60†		5.48
High Yield Bd	105.80	108.30†		6.51
-do- Accum	117.00	119.90†	+0.100	6.51
Income	217.60	231.40	-5.40	3.80
-do- Accum	371.40	394.50	-9.30	3.80
Inc Portfolio #	122.00	129.20†	-2.80	4.95
-do- Accum #	137.10	145.90†	-2.30	4.95
Intl Opps	629.50	671.50†	-8.20	0.74
-do- Accum	855.40	912.40†	-11.00	0.74
Japan	176.80	188.50	-0.60	...
-do- Accum	181.50	193.60	-0.50	..
New Europe	277.70	289.80	-3.30	0.97
-do- Accum	285.20	304.20	-3.40	0.97
Pacific	114.60	122.20†	-0.60	0.45
-do- Accum	123.70	131.90†	-0.60	0.45
Recovery	514.70	549.60	-6.70	1.65
-do- Accum	695.40	721.10	-0.00	1.65
UK Smaller Cos	62.49	66.66	+0.050	1.52
-do- Accum	72.38	77.12	+0.050	1.52
Portfolio	103.80	110.10	-2.10	2.66
-do- Accum	129.80	137.70	-2.50	2.66
Managed Gwth	135.90	142.00†	-2.40	1.76
Managed Port	130.50	135.50†	-2.20	3.80
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	185.64	197.49	-3.54	0.12
Portfolio	89.85	95.65†	-2.02	1.24
UK Income Inc	107.40	114.25	-2.29	4.14
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	77.05	80.85	-1.34	2.57
-do- Accum	86.23	90.29	-1.50	2.57
British Tst	128.65	134.00	-3.80	1.94
-do- Accum	155.40	163.80	-4.70	1.94
Corp Bond Inc	103.10	108.80	-0.10	6.41
-do- Accum	108.80	113.80	-0.10	6.41
Extra High Inc	77.46	81.13†	-1.00	6.80
-do- Accum #	174.10	182.30†	-2.20	6.30
FTSE 100 Acc	86.82	90.39†	-2.51	2.49
FTSE 100 Dist	79.46	83.20†	-2.32	2.49
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.63	59.95	-0.15	6.32
-do- Accum	111.00	116.70	-0.30	6.32
High Yield	260.70	279.30	-4.30	5.31
-do- Accum #	786.00	801.00	-12.10	5.33
Household Reven	110.60	116.60	-2.70	1.20
Income	373.70	391.30	-11.70	4.09
-do- Accum #	891.50	933.50	-27.90	4.09
Money Market UT	48.74	48.75	+0.02	5.42
-do- Accum	86.06	86.07	+0.03	5.52
Monthly Income	106.60	111.50†	-1.80	4.32
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	163.26	173.50†	-4.88	...
European Growth	170.00	180.20†	+1.10	..
Gilt & Fixed	107.80	114.10†	+0.30	6.16
Income	122.10	129.90†	-2.80	2.98
Japan Growth	45.84	48.00†	-0.12	..
Managed	94.86	100.70†	-1.70	2.38
Money Market	99.30	105.20†	+0.10	5.19
North American	137.60	145.60†	-0.50	...
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	147.90	157.30†	+4.30	1.91
European Growth	159.60	169.10†	+1.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	100.80	106.60†	-0.20	6.16
Income	119.60	127.20†	-2.70	3.96
Japan Growth	45.26	47.91	-0.12	...
Managed	90.21	95.26†	-1.56	2.38
Money Market	91.46	96.88†	+0.05	5.19
North American	129.20	136.00†	-0.50	...
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	148.80	158.00†	-4.40	1.90
European Growth	155.50	165.80†	+1.10	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	86.88	94.15†	-0.25	6.17
Income	116.60	123.90†	-2.70	3.87
Japan Growth	46.40	49.29†	-0.12	..
Managed	88.22	93.17†	-1.62	2.37
Money Market	82.66	87.60†	+0.03	5.20
North American	133.70	147.10†	-0.50	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7121				
American Gwth	357.80	380.40†	-11.10	..
European Gth Inc	634.30	678.60†	-12.60	..
-do- Accum	641.30	684.00†	-12.70	..
Intl Gwth	266.60	285.30	-6.10	..
UK Equity Inc	263.90	281.70	-5.50	3.95
Do. Accum	340.70	362.50	-7.60	3.95
UK Growth Inc	144.20	154.40	-2.80	3.10
-do- Accum	148.70	159.30	-2.80	3.10
UK Intl Tech Inc	228.10	243.40	-5.50	2.76
-do- Accum	285.00	304.20	-6.60	2.76
US Eq Inc Tst Inc	348.20	367.80	-7.90	0.89
Japan Tracker	54.15	57.57	-0.20	..
Asian Tracker	227.90	240.80	-1.40	0.29
Mngd Pfolio Inc	207.80	220.80†	-3.70	1.51
Mngd Pfolio Acc	229.20	244.20†	-4.10	1.51
Deposit Inc	100.12	100.12†	+0.04	6.42
Europe	269.70	289.80	-0.40	..
Growth	212.10	230.40	-0.20	2.46
High Income	21.02	22.26†	-0.19	10.80
Japan Growth	95.93	101.70	-0.40	...
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acorn	115.19	122.60	-1.70	1.87
Acorn Inc	106.08	110.30	-1.50	1.87
Acorn Reserve	102.78	108.60		6.83
-do- Inc	76.06	78.84	-0.02	6.83
American Growth	83.36	86.10	-1.18	..
Equity Income #	121.30	124.40	-2.70	3.74
European	98.14	105.19	-1.80	..
Smaller Cos	98.42	102.90	-0.10	1.09
Wwide Eqty	86.11	91.94	-0.08	..
Global Bond	41.08	43.52	-0.03	4.80
UK Growth	120.20	132.10	-3.00	2.22
Pacific Growth	117.90	120.80	..	..
Japan Growth	98.58	100.30†	..	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	172.28	183.28†	-3.65	2.29
For N&P see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	148.60	156.40†	-3.00	..
European Dist	179.20	188.60	-2.80	0.13
Far East Dist	185.10	194.80	-0.50	..
Global Care Dist	93.66	98.58†	-1.05	0.53
Ocean Dist	1235.80	1300.60	-11.00	..
-do- Accum	1608.10	1690.60	-14.40	..
UK Dist	498.60	522.90	-12.40	1.84
-do- Accum	1027.60	1081.70	-26.00	1.84
UK Extra Inc Dist	182.80	189.20	-1.40	3.58
Wwide Dist	130.20	137.10	-1.40	..
Wwide Inc Dist	96.26	101.36	-1.38	1.82
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Dlg: 01277 690 260 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	97.21	102.60	...	0.20
Fund of Funds Inc	78.59	82.84†	...	1.21
North America Inc	80.61	85.08	...	0.11
UK Equity Gwth Inc	78.30	82.64	...	1.94
-do- Accum	85.90	90.65	...	1.94
UK General Inc	77.13	81.40	...	1.98
-do- Accum	86.42	91.22	...	1.98
UK Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	49.20	50.08†	..	6.17
UK Income Inc	78.44	80.88	...	2.97
UK Smlr Cos Inc	119.80	126.20	..	1.18
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	60.45	64.30	-0.46	...
-do- Accum	60.92	64.80	-0.47	..
Bond	126.81	128.73†	-0.48	3.54
Cash Income	50.52	50.52	+0.01	5.70
-do- Accum	71.53	71.53	+0.02	5.70
Challenge	91.80	94.73	-1.62	1.79
Distributor	116.54	124.08†	-2.75	2.75
European	69.91	74.37†	-2.08	..
Foundation	128.54	128.65	-2.40	1.85
General Inc	263.73	280.58†	-5.18	1.09
General Acc	269.62	286.61†	-5.20	1.09
Growth Inc	156.05	166.20	-3.04	[illegible]
Growth Acc	164.97	175.49	-3.13	..
Higher Income Inc	36.82	39.17	-1.39	..
-do- Accum	45.68	48.57	-1.72	..
Income	307.71	327.30†	-3.18	2.82
Intgold	169.05	175.05	..	1.49
Intl Gwth	44.69	47.54	-1.29	..
Japan	30.69	32.01	-0.07	..
Oriental Inc	156.38	166.27	-2.53	0.23
-do- Accum	161.89	172.22	-2.61	0.23
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
High Income #	53.13	56.32†	-0.85	5.20
UK Growth	130.50	138.10	..	2.59
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	158.49	166.63	-2.81	1.25
UK Equity	195.80	205.49	-4.74	2.63
UK Equity Income	173.02	182.13	-3.05	3.48
UK Smaller Cos	146.30	154.00	-0.5	1.48
UK Equity Growth	129.51	136.33	-2.89	1.25
UK Index Trckg	198.36	208.79	-2.51	2.58
UK Index Trckg	196.66	207.56	-3.44	0.59
International	308.51	324.75	-5.20	0.48
European	300.89	316.52	-6.17	0.82
Pan European	202.11	212.75	-5.22	0.82
Nth American	278.20	292.89	-4.87	0.25
N Amer Smlr Cos	293.11	308.54	-2.58	..
Japanese	92.05	96.89	-0.41	..
Pacific	238.16	250.69	-0.90	0.37
South East Asian	276.05	290.58	-6.75	0.42
Sterling Bond	104.27	108.76	-0.22	5.81
Intl Bond	121.13	127.51†	-0.40	4.77
Gilt & Convertible	112.87	118.81†	-0.33	6.16
Property	87.81	92.43	-0.00	5.72
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	418.70	440.90	-5.10	0.04
-do- Accum	436.50	459.70	-5.30	0.04
Japan Inc	98.28	104.20	-0.40	..
Nth American Inc	192.40	203.70	-4.10	0.00
Worldwide Inc	209.70	221.90	-3.66	0.22
Hong Kong Inc	234.60	250.20	-1.50	0.03
Swiss Equities Inc	107.40	114.60	-3.30	..
Wwide Bond Inc	66.39	70.17	-0.13	5.01
Emging Asia Inc	194.10	206.80	-2.50	0.17
-do- Accum	194.80	209.70	-2.50	0.17
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.82	50.59	+0.02	5.26
Thailand Inc	74.79	81.44	+0.03	2.02
New Zealand Inc	101.10	108.30	-0.20	2.34
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	82.55	88.27	-1.53	0.61
Latin Amr Cap Inc	84.70	90.56	-3.70	0.54
UK All Sh Idx Inc	82.12	83.44	-1.68	2.11
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	91.67	97.52	-1.08	..
Global Portfolio	80.27	85.09†	-0.45	..
Way Global Bal	71.89	75.46	-1.84	..
Macro Global Gth	69.13	73.31	-0.87	..
AMR Brit Gwth Inc	122.80	130.80	-2.50	0.82
Temple Equity Inc	51.86	56.38†	-0.64	2.84
Henley Growth	130.80	139.18†	-0.30	0.21
Intl Growth Inc	88.76	94.83	-0.41	..
IPS Portfolio Inc	105.60	111.70	-0.70	..
Roxburgh Strat Gth	80.02	88.22	+0.05	0.16
UFC Growth	71.87	76.97	-0.28	..
Chatfield Port of Fds	80.17	83.84†	+0.57	..
PM UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3063				
Equity Gth	255.80	271.90	-4.60	0.87
European Gth	160.46	170.60	-2.40	0.24
Income & Gth #	178.40	187.70	-2.90	2.82
Japan Gth	101.80	108.10	-0.38	..
Nth Amer Gth	273.40	290.00	-5.30	0.08
Overseas Gth	142.50	151.60	-1.90	..
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	325.80	346.78†	-11.20	1.77
-do- Accum	728.10	774.60	-24.90	1.77
Growth	208.80	219.70	-7.30	2.18
Income	310.20	329.90	-8.20	3.34
Intl Equity	319.20	339.50	-6.40	0.06
-do- Accum	357.40	380.20	-7.20	0.06
Equity Income #	83.57	88.89†	-2.37	4.78
Equity Growth	110.60	117.80	-3.40	1.33
New Europe	124.00	131.90	-2.80	...
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	807.94	862.48	-13.03	0.29
-do- Accum	832.05	887.84	-13.11	0.29
Income	521.15	557.39	-5.63	2.69
Wwide Recovery	526.73	563.37	-7.60	0.22
Amer Growth Inc	344.37	366.97	-8.70	0.01
-do- Accum	344.37	366.07	-8.70	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	307.94	329.35	-3.62	0.09
Far East Gth Inc	312.62	334.36	-1.46	0.81
-do- Accum	316.52	338.54	-1.46	0.81
Euro Gwth Inc	226.45	241.79	-4.00	0.01
-do- Accum	227.23	242.60	-4.01	0.01
UK Growth Inc	132.39	141.60	-1.75	2.36
-do- Accum	145.52	155.64	-1.92	2.36
High Income	134.17	143.50†	-1.42	3.84
Jap Gwth Inc	180.09	192.62	-1.08	0.01
-do- Accum	180.89	192.62	-1.06	0.01
PEP Bond	61.33	64.04	+0.19	7.00
PEP Growth	170.87	182.65	-2.64	0.49
Asian Smlr Mkts Inc	141.11	150.92	-1.21	0.05
-do- Accum	141.57	151.42	-1.20	0.05
Amer Smlr Co Inc	219.86	234.11	-2.45	0.01
-do- Accum	219.66	234.11	-2.45	0.01
Global Bond	54.05	56.97	-0.18	4.85
UK Smaller Cos Inc	108.84	115.41†	-0.45	1.98
-do- Accum	117.89	126.09	-0.50	1.98
Lat Am Gwth Inc	44.47	47.57	-1.48	0.01
-do- Accum	45.19	48.34	-1.41	0.01
World Inc PEP #	48.20	52.07	-0.40	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0161 201 3927				
American	159.12	169.28	-1.07	..
European	118.25	125.67	-1.14	..
Global	77.12	82.04†	-0.45	...
Pacific	81.82	85.52	-0.27	...
UK Inc & Gth	90.46	96.23	+0.01	1.41
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Asia Acc	55.34	58.86	...	...
Emerg Mkts	53.18	56.42	...	0.20
Euro Fund Acc	50.80	54.00	...	..
Fund of Funds Inc	220.37	231.97†	...	0.03
Fund of Funds Acc	222.55	234.26	...	0.03
High Income #	58.05	61.10†	...	5.75
Performance	54.70	58.13		
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	189.77	197.27	-1.20	2.38
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 448				
American Income	141.60	150.28†	-1.50	2.81
Conv & Gilt	124.80	132.80	-0.90	4.76
Euro Spe Sit Acc	116.80	124.10	-2.50	..
Extra Income	202.80	215.70†	-4.50	4.25
-do- Accum	272.80	289.30	-6.20	4.25
Far East	471.80	507.40	-4.90	0.14
-do- Accum	419.80	446.80	-5.00	0.14
Global Income	29.58	31.38†	-0.23	4.37
High Income	153.70	163.50	-2.55	4.11
-do- Accum	201.10	214.00	-4.50	4.11
International	242.80	258.50	-3.90	0.26
-do- Accum	253.10	269.30	-4.00	0.26
Pref & Fxd Int	48.19	51.28†	+0.04	6.53
Recovery	94.92	101.00	-1.90	2.56
Special Sits	154.70	164.80	-1.00	1.71
-do- Accum	173.70	184.60	-1.10	1.71
Technology	755.10	846.60	-10.00	..
UK Blue Chip	104.90	111.60	-2.90	2.90
-do- Accum	122.80	130.60	-3.80	2.90
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD UT Dealing: 0345 400000 Client Enq: 0345 656600				
Managed Tst	58.23	62.05	...	1.73
Cash Fixed Inc	101.85	102.15	...	5.63
Cash Fixed Acc	122.67	123.27	...	5.63
Dist Bond Inc	114.84	119.80†	...	5.11
Dist Bond Acc	124.43	130.31	...	5.11
Global Growth	120.44	128.13	...	1.09
Equity Inc	97.38	103.80	...	4.43
Equity	1040.30	1106.70	...	2.06
European	320.65	341.61†	...	0.45
High Income	101.78	108.29†	...	4.82
Intl Gth	247.83	262.80†	...	0.79
Intl Sm Co	103.80	110.53	...	0.50
Japanese	142.07	149.26	...	
Mgd Income Tst #	48.92	51.80†	...	7.82
Nth Amer	282.47	302.94	...	0.51
Pacific Mkts	118.10	126.31	...	1.13
Prudntl Inc #	48.91	50.91†	..	6.13
Sm Cos	109.23	116.20	...	1.97
Spec Sits	149.01	152.78†	...	2.18
UK Grwth	177.04	188.34	...	2.05
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	84.79	90.67	-0.54	3.30
Investment Trust	130.29	138.97	+1.74	0.56
UK Smaller Cos	108.92	115.58†	-0.21	1.83
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	398.40	422.60	-12.90	2.40
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Funds				
America Grwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-15.82	
America Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-38.30	..
Asian Smlr Cos	78.07	83.81	-0.25	...
Asia	86.20	91.20	-0.23	..
European	489.84	518.14	-12.21	..
Japan	215.20	228.28	+0.59	..
Jap Smlr Cos	32.00	34.16	-0.09	..
Major UK Cos	136.21	145.00	-4.84	1.45
Smlr UK Cos	438.22	475.58	-1.26	1.26
UK Equity Inc #	204.49	216.60	-4.44	3.87
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia-Pacific	55.04	56.39†	-0.26	..
Cash	48.16	50.18†	..	2.92
Emerging Mkts	57.40	59.96†	-0.51	...
Europe	74.46	77.75†	-1.22	...
Global Fixed Int #	49.58	50.71†	-0.10	4.79
Japan	39.59	41.85†	-0.14	..
North America	81.31	84.91†	-0.63	...
UK	75.26	78.60†	-0.32	0.48
UK Equity Inc #	69.34	72.57†	-0.59	3.41
UK Fixed Int #	51.05	54.25†	-0.01	6.91
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Pfl	53.71	58.60	-0.41	..
Pep Inc Port #	57.17	58.67	-0.41	2.84
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Pricing: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	157.40	166.80	-2.00	0.25
Pacific Basin	78.40	84.96	-0.13	0.38
High Inc Dist	191.80	204.30	-2.70	3.46
Rgl Life Intl Glry	67.96	71.78	-0.20	3.05
Rgl Life Intl Bond	92.74	98.52†	-1.29	6.06
Rgl Life Intl Stbl	80.72	85.87	-0.93	..
UK Emerging Cos	134.10	146.60	-1.20	1.21
UK Index Trckg	226.80	240.60	-2.90	3.21
European	213.20	226.80	-4.00	0.15
Managed	207.99	224.10	-2.70	0.87
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 794400				
American Growth	238.28	253.70†	-4.80	1.11
European Growth	178.00	188.20	-3.00	1.24
Far East Growth	161.40	171.30†	-0.70	0.88
Japan Growth	116.20	123.50	-0.80	0.28
Special Sits	257.80	274.30	-0.20	1.45
UK Growth	120.70	128.40†	-1.70	2.30
Intl Growth	327.80	348.80	-4.20	1.54
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	172.80	183.09	-1.10	0.27
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	502.40	531.80	-4.80	0.32
-do- Accum	786.30	834.20	-7.80	0.32
Growth Inc	172.40	182.40	-1.90	0.27
-do- Accum	177.20	187.50	-2.00	0.27
International Inc	462.90	489.40	-5.00	0.28
-do- Accum	639.80	677.10	-7.10	0.28
Nth Am & Intl Inc	455.50	482.00	-2.70	0.79
UK Gen Prog Inc	286.40	303.10	-4.80	1.60
-do- Accum	331.60	351.20	-5.30	1.60
UK High Inc Inc	168.20	178.00	-3.96	4.28
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Asian Smlr Cos	169.20	178.90†	-2.00	..
Cash	140.10	140.10†	..	6.08
China Dragon	87.37	92.85	-1.20	0.33
Commodity	133.80	142.40	-0.80	..
Emerging Mkts	45.50	48.40†	-0.86	0.34
European Gth	292.20	310.80	-5.80	..
Euro Smlr Cos	79.06	84.11	-0.27	0.04
Euro Income #	55.78	58.82	-0.16	5.26
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	153.80	162.80	-0.40	..
Japan Smaller	145.80	154.50	-0.40	..
Korea	39.53	42.05	-0.28	..
Latin American	52.42	55.77†	-1.74	0.56
[illegible]	71.26	71.61†	-0.96	0.77
Premier Eq Gth	193.80	206.20†	-3.40	1.26
Premier Eq Inc #	421.00	447.90	-7.30	4.29
SE Asia	48.68	51.73	-0.58	..
Southern Africa	58.03	63.73	-0.75	1.16
UK & O'seas	231.80	246.70†	-4.40	0.83
UK Eqty Gth	96.44	102.60	-1.80	0.91
UK Eqty Inc #	300.10	319.30†	-6.89	4.67
UK Gwth & Inc #	352.80	375.10†	-8.30	2.57
UK Sm Cos	59.94	63.77	-0.18	1.10
US Growth	263.26	280.10	-3.30	..
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cst: 0800 526 535 Bkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	411.68	434.95	...	0.65
-do- Accum	457.16	482.77	...	0.65
Euro Smlr Gwth	111.67	119.25	...	0.28
Euro Smlr Cos	126.30	134.31†	...	0.03
Far Eastern Gth	114.38	122.00†	...	
-do- Accum	116.50	124.26†	...	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	53.03	56.04	...	7.33
Global Bond #	45.35	48.05†	...	5.08
-do- Accum #	56.77	60.65†	...	5.08
Global Emer Mkts	62.20	66.34	...	
-do- Accum	62.26	65.48	...	
Income #	490.41	522.10	...	4.76
-do- Accum #	1692.63	1805.48	...	4.76
Japan Smlr Cos	328.50	350.49†	...	
-do- Accum	329.25	351.19†	...	
Japan Enterprise	65.87	70.84	...	
Pacific Gth	167.84	179.02	...	0.44
-do- Accum	174.48	186.10	...	0.44
Portfolio	109.43	116.82	...	1.89
-do- Accum	122.69	130.74	...	1.89
Seoul	33.84	36.09	...	
-do- Accum	33.84	36.09	...	
Smaller Cos	246.70	263.84†	...	1.16
-do- Accum	414.15	441.78†	...	1.16
Strategic Inc	113.89	121.39	...	2.36
Strategic Acc	115.80	123.43	...	2.86
Tokyo	130.53	139.23	...	
-do- Accum	131.85	140.84	...	
UK Enterprise	377.86	403.05†	...	2.09
-do- Accum	478.07	510.36†	...	2.09
UK Equity	356.28	380.93†	...	2.36
-do- Accum	736.22	785.20†	...	2.36
US Smlr Cos	287.05	305.55	...	
-do- Accum	287.05	305.95	...	
Institutional Funds				
European	364.25	377.46†	...	0.96
-do- Accum	415.12	430.17†	...	0.96
Euro Smlr Cos	41.37	43.04	...	0.81
-do- Accum	44.90	46.72	...	0.81
Global Equity Inc	107.55	111.90	...	0.86
Japan Smlr Cos	30.73	32.01†	...	0.12
-do- Accum	31.08	32.37†	...	0.12
Mngd Balanced	251.11	261.57	...	3.44
-do- Accum	300.25	312.76	...	3.44
Overseas Equity	252.14	262.64†	...	0.82
-do- Accum	266.68	277.78†	...	0.82
Overs Smlr Cos	145.23	151.28	...	0.70
-do- Accum	154.22	160.65	...	0.70
Pacific	290.49	302.59	...	1.39
-do- Accum	325.42	338.98	...	1.39
Recovery	2550.36	2656.63†	...	3.14
-do- Accum	2870.89	2988.66†	...	3.14
UK Index	218.54	227.64	...	3.09
-do- Accum	287.59	299.57	...	3.09
UK Small Cos	147.51	153.65	...	2.57
-do- Accum	165.17	172.84	...	2.56
US Smlr Cos	78.51	79.66	...	0.42
-do- Accum	78.72	81.96	...	0.42
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	71.97	76.11	-1.89	2.26
Equity Trust	91.80	97.08	-1.29	2.45
Equity Strategy	99.97	105.72	-0.56	1.03
European Opps	127.90	135.25	-2.84	..
UK Smaller Cos	80.37	84.99	-0.33	1.27
Medium Inc	103.35	109.88	+0.04	7.66
Japanese	71.48	75.59	-0.25	..
Asia Pacific	121.83	128.83	+0.11	0.34
American	168.60	178.29	-4.32	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	34.51	34.51	+0.02	6.18
UK Eq Gth Inc	71.63	76.38	-1.72	3.00
-do- Accum	97.20	103.65	-2.34	3.00
Intl Income	339.92	361.96	-6.57	1.42
-do- Accum	604.01	643.16	-11.68	1.42
European	124.55	132.43	-2.67	1.35
Japan	58.98	62.48	-0.31	0.19
American	124.01	130.92	-2.61	1.17
Far East Inst	90.53	96.56†	-0.57	1.38
Global Inc	42.54	45.64†	-0.19	1.56
UK Blue Chip Inc	47.27	50.51	-1.28	3.35
UK Equity Inc	48.20	51.41	-0.86	4.17
UK Global Inc	55.37	58.86	-1.17	1.86
Wwide Tact	96.80	103.84	-1.92	1.01
Europe Tactical	88.45	94.29†	-1.82	0.88
Technology	184.26	195.49	-3.61	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	578.50	616.30	-15.20	2.56
American	410.60	437.80	-10.10	0.17
Pacific	410.80	442.40	-1.60	0.18
European	780.30	832.80	-19.20	0.72
Worldwide	110.70	118.40	-2.00	0.26
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	381.70	406.10	-8.80	1.89
-do- Accum	511.50	544.28	-11.80	1.89
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	385.60	397.90	-1.10	1.49
-do- Accum	390.10	415.00	-1.40	1.49
Select Opplty Inc	175.74	182.40	-1.87	1.87
Income Plus Inc	97.89	103.85	-1.98	2.28
European Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-11.80	0.67
-do- Accum	613.60	652.20	-12.90	0.67
Far Eastern Inc	148.50	155.70	-1.40	0.62
-do- Accum	216.90	227.60	-1.70	0.07
Japanese Inc	57.14	60.79	-0.21	..
Nth American Inc	428.80	442.40	-7.40	0.26
-do- Accum	461.70	490.80	-10.40	0.26
Intl Growth Inc	259.30	273.90	-3.40	0.39
Wwide Venture Inc	110.20	117.30	-1.50	0.31
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3794				
Equity Inc	512.80	541.70	-8.20	2.38
-do- Accum	614.50	650.10	-9.58	2.38
UK High Inc	[illegible]	264.90	[illegible]	2.25
-do- Accum	392.58	414.70	-5.68	2.26
Europa Inc	576.10	608.70	-18.50	0.09
Nth Amer Inc	380.50	402.00	-7.80	..
Global Inc	294.20	310.80	-4.80	0.13
Global Acc	306.20	326.30	-5.00	0.13
UK Specialist Inc	128.60	136.90	-1.36	1.38
Smaller Cos	217.00	[illegible]		3.92
Cash Trust Inc	100.60	100.60		
UK Smlr Cos Inc	123.10	130.00	-0.20	2.00
-do- Accum	130.20	137.60	-0.20	2.00
Intl Bond Inc	[illegible]	90.75	-0.20	4.75
International Stk	89.67	94.96	-0.99	...
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	186.00	200.00†	-4.30	0.37
Nth American	165.00	175.70†	-3.20	..
Intl Bond & Cur	130.30	137.20	-0.18	6.34
Pooled Pension	266.60	285.70	-5.80	1.89
Smaller Cos	118.20	124.50	-0.30	0.92
UK General #	180.00	188.60	-3.80	2.36
Far Eastern	90.71	95.49	-0.85	0.19
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6225				
Continental	105.80	111.98	-1.40	0.03
Global Gwth	89.74	94.83	-1.82	1.06
Inv Tst Port	87.86	93.29	-0.60	2.30
Managed	1475.93	1545.84	...	1.50
Pref Inc #	105.70	112.40†	-1.39	6.02
Smaller Cos	281.40	299.30†	+2.20	0.61
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	103.24	... †	-2.45	4.85
Sterling Reserve ‡	189.41	... †	+0.09	5.89
Corporate Inc ‡	98.50	... †	-1.92	5.88
Tai Pan ‡	120.37	...	-1.96	..
Aztec ‡	95.64	...	-5.35	..
Amer Gth Fund ‡	188.85	...	-4.87	..
European ‡	189.59	...	-5.25	..
Global Bond ‡	88.31	...	+8.08	6.94
Samurai ‡	55.45	...	-0.45	..
UK Growth ‡	118.91	...	-3.18	2.60
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	98.05	...	-0.19	3.26
Investment Trust ‡	122.13	...	-1.57	2.21
The Football FI ‡	97.51	...	-1.18	..
Reserve Bull Up ‡	98.59	...		..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	517.10	547.20	-4.40	..
Capital	163.90	173.40	-2.60	1.02
Cash	101.56	101.58	+0.01	6.04
European	193.40	204.90	-2.60	0.29
Far Eastern	176.80	187.10	+0.30	..
Growth	186.50	197.30†	-2.40	1.45
Income #	154.50	163.40	-1.30	4.95
Magnum	169.00	178.70†	-2.70	1.53
Smllr Secs	600.10	635.00	-4.50	0.13
Thoroughbred	199.50	211.10†	-3.20	1.45
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 435000				
Calcld Prfmnce	58.88	62.73	-0.17	7.60
Ethical	85.28	91.20	-0.39	1.10
European Growth	95.10	101.60†	-2.30	0.02
Income	67.38	72.06	-0.52	3.72
Intl Growth	125.10	132.50	-1.90	0.07
Managed	109.20	112.50†	-2.30	0.41
UK Growth	85.96	91.93	-0.70	1.29
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	52.88	53.16	-0.60	1.21
Global Advtg Acc	57.82	58.11	-0.68	1.21
Income Advtg Inc	41.16	41.37†	-0.60	3.67
Income Advtg Acc	49.41	49.66	-0.80	3.67
UK Equity Gth Acc	117.20	124.30	-1.70	1.35
Premier Inc Inc	51.71	52.73†	...	6.86
Premier Inc Acc	57.84	59.09	...	6.86
Managed Acc	72.35	76.78	-0.70	1.48
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	47.97	50.85	-0.80	3.91
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	85.62	88.93	-0.80	3.91
UK Smlr Cos Acc	47.97	50.85	-0.10	0.63
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	94.21	100.18	-1.40	1.58
UK Equity Gen Inc	66.94	71.13	-1.00	1.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.21	35.13	..	6.26
Ovrsea Lrg Co Acc	407.00	441.70	-6.90	1.54
Nth American Acc	70.52	74.93	-1.30	0.61
Pacific Basin	45.95	48.77	-0.30	0.37
European Acc	70.05	74.43	-1.90	0.09
Japan Acc	25.69	27.30	-0.30	0.45
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (N28)	5.389	5.722		1.54
US Eqts (US$)	4.361	4.618		0.63
Far East Eqts (yen)	286.20	304.10	..	
FT Europe	185.80	197.30		1.01
FT N Amer (US$)	3.551	3.736		
FT Japan (yen)	194.20	205.10		
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	3.079	3.271		0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	584.30	618.50	-7.10	..
British #	1422.50	1505.00	-26.60	2.95
Emging Mkts	198.50	211.20	-2.90	0.42
Euro Gwth Inc	113.10	118.90	-1.70	..
Euro Small Co	84.72	88.84	-0.29	0.18
Japan	119.80	127.00	-0.50	..
New Pacific	450.00	479.30	-4.30	1.14
-do- Accum	488.60	521.50	-4.70	1.14
Inv Trust Acc	328.30	345.90	-4.30	1.13
Mngd Equity	222.00	234.90	-3.40	1.89
Mngd Cash	95.60	95.66†	+0.03	5.95
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
Equity	1282.00	1349.00	-32.00†	1.63
North America	230.20	245.20	-3.10	..
Far East	163.10	174.40	-1.00	..
Wwide Bond	54.06	56.23	-0.14	4.33
European	174.20	186.30	-3.40	0.17
Equity Income #	128.10	137.00†	-3.10	4.12
Portfolio	129.20	135.20	-2.20	1.07
UK Leading Cos	97.86	103.76†	-2.09	1.59
High Inc Bond	51.10	51.18	-0.04	6.33
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	84.12	89.97†	-0.17	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 526 726				
Autoroute UT	24.63	26.21	-0.66	0.58
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	102.39	108.87	+0.13	6.62
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	110.05	117.06	+0.14	6.62
European	82.16	86.15	-1.31	0.42
High Income	39.68	42.54	-0.67	3.39
Japan	35.01	37.25	-0.16	0.01
Managed Assets	161.44	172.57†	-3.53	2.29
North American	56.24	59.94	-0.84	0.61
Smlr Co's Inc	36.74	39.08	-0.12	2.17
Smlr Co's Acc	40.71	43.31	-0.14	2.17
UK Growth Inc	74.09	78.82†	-2.80	1.99
UK Growth Acc	85.84	91.11	-3.23	1.99
UK Income	51.86	55.60†	-1.07	2.84
Worldwide Gth	47.95	51.32	-0.76	0.02
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	62.43	66.41	-0.29	..
Cap Protector Inc	57.39	61.05	-0.81	2.49
UK Income Inc	71.02	75.61	-1.49	2.88
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	37.23	38.41†	-0.29	6.72
Mngd High Yld Inc	102.19	108.71	-1.68	4.00
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	100.98	107.38	-1.80	3.06
UK Smaller Cos	41.32	43.96	-0.17	2.11
Pacific Gth Ptfl	53.94	57.38	+0.06	0.50
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 345 784				
American	371.08	392.68		
-do- Accum	408.73	432.52	..	
Brit Growth	148.53	155.08	..	1.31
-do- Accum	184.62	195.36	..	1.31
European	155.05	164.06	..	
-do- Accum	165.59	175.23	...	
Extra Income #	249.20	263.70	...	4.21
-do- Accum #	465.82	492.72	...	4.21
Smaller Cos	90.04	95.26	...	1.10
-do- Accum	103.48	109.50	...	1.10
General	420.59	445.07†	...	1.66
-do- Accum	914.71	967.95†	...	1.66
Premier Income	53.73	55.97	...	6.20
-do- Accum	138.40	145.28	...	6.20
Income #	451.86	478.15†	...	3.18
-do- Accum #	1076.75	1142.60†	...	3.18
Pacific	391.28	414.02†	...	0.11
-do- Accum	411.12	435.05†	...	0.11
International	728.80	771.84	...	0.05
-do- Accum	962.83	1018.87	...	0.05
Nat Resources	159.87	169.18	...	0.32
Stcol Opps	151.42	160.23	...	0.82
-do- Accum	200.36	212.02	...	0.82
Environmental Inv	97.97	102.72	...	0.83
Selector	95.76	98.77	...	1.31
-do- Accum	100.76	106.53	...	1.31
High Income #	80.85	84.71†	...	4.11
-do- Accum #	113.49	120.10†	...	4.11
Intl Income	82.83	86.49	...	4.30
-do- Accum	85.37	90.34	...	4.30
Selector Income	74.90	79.26	...	3.92
-do- Accum	96.88	102.53	...	3.92
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 687 1016				
British	490.81	515.89	...	2.18
European	94.41	98.86	...	1.07
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	263.79	279.15†	-2.65	2.56
Glob Balncd Inc	218.03	230.72	-2.53	3.42
Value Tst Inc	164.70	174.28†	-1.47	2.31
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	103.00	109.80†	-2.50	0.46
International	82.41	87.87†	...	...
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	38.61	39.95	-0.06	6.51
European Growth	408.49	429.78	-9.54	0.83
Exempt	769.03	802.11†	-17.85	2.87
Global Em Mkts	95.83	101.30	-1.24	0.46
Japan Tst	81.23	85.05	-0.33	..
Chin Dragon	122.68	128.46	-0.71	..
Nth Amer Gwth	371.12	388.80	-7.80	0.41
Oriental Income #	50.86	53.27	-0.36	3.50
Preference	138.31	144.82	+0.05	8.21
Tiger	315.20	330.14	-2.29	..
UK Blue Chip	95.90	100.41	-2.91	1.50
UK Growth	772.85	809.05	-16.48	0.82
UK High Yield #	132.20	138.51†	-3.11	4.97
UK Mid-Cap	347.80	364.28	-2.81	1.65
UK Smlr Cos	138.41	144.93	-0.77	0.71
UK Smlr Cos Div #	89.48	93.69†	-0.34	5.67
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income #	136.15	144.84	...	4.32
UK Equity Growth	123.28	131.15	...	2.43
European	91.58	97.80	...	1.12
Nth American	108.80	113.70	...	0.12
Far Eastern	82.70	88.07	...	0.65
Money	73.97	73.97	...	4.80
Fixed Interest #	85.42	90.87	...	7.54
Index Linked Gilt	76.20	81.15	...	1.16
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD 0345 959595				
Income Trust	107.87	107.87	-6.19	6.53
Pens Growth	117.55	117.55†	...	..
Pens Inc Protct	105.59	105.59†	...	..
UK Index Tracking @	152.59	152.59	-1.83	2.43
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 661 7455				
Australasian Gold	19.05	20.65	+0.28	..
Pacific Basin	41.75	43.86	-0.21	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.9449	0.9832†	+0.0011	..
Penny Share	44.32	48.64†	-0.33	..
Japan Smlr Cos	38.20	40.21	-0.13	..
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD [illegible]				
Short Dtd Gilt	120.00	120.48	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	6.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	6.80
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Bal Mgd	83.68	87.68	..	1.76
UK Stockmarket	119.30	126.90	..	2.21
Corporate Bd Inc	50.30	53.30	..	6.25
[illegible]	32.22	33.33	..	3.25

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex-dividend; ‡ Middle price; .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; @ Exit Charge.

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Equities continue to lose ground

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
469	407½	Allied Domecq	443	- 1½	3.1	13.3
625	450½	Bass (NP)	450½	- 14½	4.1	-
75½	44	Ben Shaw	45		9.4	11.2
1040	865	Glenmorangie At	941½	- 25	7.7	23.4
827	423½	Grand Met	808	- 3½	3.1	18.5
927	424	Guinness	907½	- 5	3.3	17.3
380	320½	Highland Dist	331		5.2	13.5
336	235	McWhan Distl	243½	- 4	12.3	11.6
103½	52½	Morgan Wtr	63½	+ 1	6.1	-
1978½	1462½	SA Brewers	1825	- 18½	2.0	-

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1170½	918½	ABN-AMRO	1087½	- 8½	2.8	-
971	710	Abbey Ntl	941½	- 21	3.9	14.9
655	592½	Alliance & Leic	608	- 13½	3.4	14.8
325	300½	Allied Irish	303½	- 19	3.6	14.3
451½	353½	Am Nat Z	444½	- 4	4.2	-
419½	303½	Bank America	383½	- 8½	-	-
443½	291½	Bank Scotland	423	- 1½	2.4	12.9
1327	978½	Barclays	1239	- 44	3.2	12.5
742	517½	Bk of Ireland	723½	- 19	2.8	-
7080½	6000½	Chasey	7437½	- 81½	-	-
1799½	1299½	Commerzbk	1590½	- 9½	2.8	-
862½	599½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	781½	- 9½	0.6	-
3650½	2700½	Deutsche Bk	3618½	+ 8½	1.7	-
1165½	759½	Dresdn Stoin	1162½	- 3½	3.1	-
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	852½	- 1½	0.5	-
2215	1272½	HSBC	2063½	- 29½	2.5	17.9
2137	1241	HSBC HK	1981½	- 17½	2.6	17.3
780	714	Halifax	735½	- 15½	2.5	22.0
610	483½	Irish Perm	585	- 1	5.3	-
733½	424	Lloyds TSB	699	- 18	2.5	21.2
888½	669½	Nat Aust Bk	849½	- 7½	4.8	12.8
899½	683½	Nat West	850½	- 7	4.2	12.9
663½	508	Rbs Bk Scot	630½	- 9½	3.8	19.8
1053½	881	Royal Chart	993½	- 3½	1.3	17.4
1164½	1164½	Wells Fargo	1164½		1.9	-
374½	315½	Westpac	352½	+ 3½	4.1	-
379½	291½	Westpac	368½	- 5	3.4	17.8

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	Bass	807½	- 16½	4.0	15.1
68½	43½	Bk for Ire Rst	45		6.1	-
208	142½	Berkmnd Brwr	149½	+ 4	4.8	13.2
155½	123	City Centre Rest	128		2.4	21.3
744½	596	Compass Gp	612½	- 5½	1.8	22.4
882	696	Eldridge P 'A'	696½		2.4	15.0
485	435	Fuller Sm 'A'	440		2.8	16.3
586	422½	Greenalls Gp	481	- 1½	4.3	11.5
730	642	Grosvr (Hldg)	744½	+ 15½	2.7	-
237½	164½	Grosvenor Inns	172½		4.4	16.7
283	218½	Gruppo Cmpr Ser	274½		1.3	26.9
288½	251	Hanly (Hldgs)	271½	- 2	3.1	13.1
2950	2700	Hall J	2762½		2.7	16.3
78	63½	Inn Business	67½		3.8	10.7
357	302	Mansfield	332½		2.6	14.5
315½	262	Median Group	275½		3.0	23.8
615	512½	Morland	577½		3.1	23.3
266½	210	Old Eng Pub	255½		1.0	32.9
47½	29½	Pacamount	30		-	-
630½	375½	Pizza Express	622½	+ 1	0.6	40.6
437½	337½	Ransdens (HI)	367½	- 5	1.7	32.5
378½	262½	Regent Inns	278½		1.2	25.6
768½	627	Scott & Bmr	713	- 9½	3.8	15.0
289	248½	Vaux Group	268	- ½	4.7	13.0
1392½	1105	Whitbread A	1324½		0.7	30.3
863	736½	Whitbread	825	- 7½	3.6	15.2
708½	582	Wolverhmptn D	599	+ ½	3.7	12.3
531	419½	Yates Brwr	521½		1.0	27.5
702½	615	Young 'A'	697½		2.7	27.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32½	17½	AAF Inds	17½		3.2	22.6
205	170	Abbey	200		2.2	19.9
347½	237½	Allen	327½		2.9	19.9
16½	10½	Anson	16½	- 2	3.1	-
512	347½	Arney	416	+ 7	2.7	18.8
655	485	Ashtrom Sykes	580		2.2	18.6
324½	222½	Ashtead	322½		1.4	-
49½	29½	Avenside	43½		2.8	11.3
39½	24½	Bardon	37½		4.8	26.8
64½	49½	Barcrest	60½		2.7	16.6
291½	236	Beazer Cons	252½		4.3	14.1
216	160	Bezer	183½	- 1	4.7	12.6
381½	289½	Bellway	341		3.1	15.2
221	127½	Bemrose	175½		4.7	11.8
44½	30	Ben Bailey	40½		4.0	8.4
769½	606	Berkeley Gp	694½	- ½	1.7	14.3
172	142	Bett Bros	156½		4.1	13.1
340	280	Bovis (Hldgs)	325	+ ½	3.1	13.1
112½	87½	Brandon Hire	105½	+ 1	3.2	14.1
35½	27½	Brickwds Gp	30		2.1	-
70	42½	Br Bldg & Eng	55	- 2½	-	-
158	120½	Brown	129½	- 1	5.1	17.3
129½	92½	CALA	102		4.3	13.4
9½	2½	Campbell & Ann	9½		-	-
81½	53½	Clarke T	71½		8.5	12.6
46	40	Cookson	46		-	-
66	71	Countryside	86		3.6	13.3
109½	80½	Crest Nicholson	103½		2.9	12.6
94½	67½	Crouch	89½		3.1	13.7
175	165	Eco Group	170		1.1	-
24	15½	Galliford	21½		5.8	23.5
932½	857½	Gleeson (M.J.)	922½	- 2½	5.2	10.7
65½	46½	Green (Eng)	65½		3.7	20.7
320	265	Hanlock Eng	300		1.8	20.8
162½	123	Hawkin-Stand	148		2.7	24.3
21½	16½	Howard Hldgs	18½		5.4	18.8
318	130½	Jones W	257½	- 8	1.9	21.1
272½	187½	Kelby	235½		2.5	18.9
250½	188½	Ker	198½		4.1	11.9
380½	270	Lilley (A)	374		3.2	33.8
130½	110½	Lilley S-G Dr Pl	125½	- ½	6.5	-
14½	9	Lynell (Y.J.)	11½		-	-
210½	162½	Marshalls (J)	182½		3.9	13.8
187½	125½	McAlpine (A)	133	- 3	6.8	64.3
135½	97½	McCarthy & S	120		2.5	14.3
75	53½	McKinney	70		-	-
235½	158½	Morgan Sndall	168½		3.2	12.7
306½	234½	Murdoch Const	292½	- 2	2.7	18.5
144	108½	Newlan (A)	113½	- 2	3.3	12.4
285	214	Pentlands	239½		5.1	16.8
125	108	Pesches	120		2.6	12.5
144½	97½	Prowting	121½		4.1	20.8
21½	12½	Rees Ind	19½		-	14.5
179½	145½	Redland	158	- 2	2.7	16.1
315	253	Sheriff Hldgs†	301		3.0	23.8
78	43	Shoes	74½		7.0	13.3
352½	297½	Spandex	297½		1.3	15.3
103	76	Stan Hill	95		3.7	-
153½	115	Tay Homes	128½		7.0	27.9
215	153	Taylor Woodrw	170½	- 1½	2.5	10.5
765½	512½	Tilbury Douglas	635		4.5	16.5
27½	13½	Toy Group	22½	- ½	-	13.5
86	58½	Wilcophan	78		5.7	-
152½	112	Wimpey†	135	- 2½	4.4	19.0
384	305½	Wood Hldgs	371½		-	-
271	224½	Westbury	225	- 1	3.7	13.0
12	7½	Wiggins	10½		-	43.2
173½	147½	Wilson (C)	159		3.8	17.7
545	471½	Wilson Bowin	517½		2.7	17.7
155	125	Wilmot E	133		5.2	42.0

BUILDING MATERIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
59½	33	Aggregate Ind	48½	- 1½	5.2	20.5
388	286½	BPB†	302	- 4	4.3	13.4
110½	81	Baggeridge Brk†	93½		4.2	23.6
48½	27½	Blockleys	46		-	-
452	351	Blue Circle	417	- 7½	4.0	17.8
91½	78½	Bredon PLC	81½		7.4	12.6
152½	119	Br Dredging	150		4.9	12.3
845	582½	Cimpor	804	- 8½	1.5	-
55½	42½	Caledonian Roy	42½		6.8	4.5
192½	162½	Capo	165½		4.5	-
273	192	Caradon	200		3.9	9.9
133½	102	Cardon of	105½		8.6	-
65½	50	Chilcnbn Gp	57½		6.5	9.8
272½	212½	Dyson (JLB)	221½	- 2½	2.8	13.1
145	122	Dyson A	132		4.7	7.8
4	2½	Emstone	3½		-	-
290	220	Evans	228		5.1	14.2
98½	85½	Gibbs & Dandy	93½		5.0	9.0
148	122	Graham Gp	123		5.8	25.5
363½	227½	Hanson (J)	227½		5.2	10.4
334½	271½	Hanson	290½	- ½	5.2	-
297½	218	Hepworth	218½	- 2½	5.7	12.4
81½	65	Heywood	65½		7.3	8.0
268	192½	Heywd Wms	197		8.8	9.2
118	66	Ibstock	68½		3.8	35.8
539	365	Johnson	365		3.2	11.6
32½	22½	Lafarge	32½	- 2	3.7	10.7
137	116	Marley	116½		5.4	12.3
160½	119½	Marshalls†	128½		5.1	19.6
457½	361½	Meyer Int	405		3.7	17.4
95½	65½	Moncrieff	70		3.6	17.2
153	110	Pilkington†	123	+ 1½	5.1	14.6
284½	206½	Polypipe	269		1.8	17.1
1036½	878½	RMC Gp	957½	- 5	3.5	14.1
381½	265	Redland	338½	- 2	7.0	15.3
139½	68	Ruddle	133		2.3	18.5
114½	76½	Rutland	77	+ ½	8.5	19.5
127½	91½	Rugby Group	116½	- 2	3.9	20.0
104½	92½	Russell (A)	104½		3.2	16.5
346½	241½	SIG	299½		3.0	14.5
3½	1½	SWT	1½		-	-
235½	211½	Sharpe & Fisher	225½		3.2	16.9
29½	18½	Sigma Hldgs	19½		-	-
187½	152½	Steetley Hldgs	167½		6.4	10.8
131½	93½	Tarmac	118	+ ½	5.8	-
140	100	Tilbe	109		5.9	10.2
545	436½	Travis Perkins	483½	+ 2	2.5	19.7
54½	42½	Tyrwhitt	52½		4.6	14.4
514	422½	Wolseley	485	- 2½	3.0	14.4

CHEMICALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
173½	112½	Albright & Wil	143½	- ½	6.0	18.6
137	112½	Allied Colloids	115	- 3	3.4	17.1
135	117	Amber Intl	122½		5.9	11.2
103½	91½	Amberley Ex	98½		2.1	17.9
3	0½	Anglo Uto	1½		-	5.0
2505	2112½	BASF Dtl	2256½	- 87½	6.3	-
1106½	854½	BOC	1051	- 16	3.4	18.2
305½	248	BTP†	284½	+ 1	5.2	14.0
2853½	2246½	Bayer DM50	2408½	- 90½	2.3	-
11½	8½	Brent Chems	9½	- 1½	6.3	8.7
224½	185½	Br Vita	215	+ ½	4.8	12.9
132½	132½	Bronner Mond	135		7.8	7.6
315½	268½	Canning (W)	268½	- 3	4.0	13.3
222½	152½	City Technology	195½		1.2	16.1
452½	305	Continuitst	307½	- 7	6.7	14.9
384	34½	Croda	289½	- 8	4.3	12.2
335½	212½	Deeflex	212½		4.5	9.4
327½	238½	Ellis & Everard†	247½	- 1½	5.1	-
73	49½	Euro Colour†	60		5.0	10.7
106½	81½	Gabriel	94½	- 1½	9.3	-
82½	52	Hickson	74½		-	-
2305	2318½	Hoechst	2737½	- 50	1.7	-
153	113½	Holliday Chem	139½		4.7	13.2
53½	68½	ICI	81	- 2	4.3	10.1
214½	170½	Inspec	185		4.6	23.2
142½	119	Jiskin	142		3.9	13.0
773	582½	Lonzite	611½	- 2½	5.0	13.0
152	115	Manders	149	- 3	10.3	13.7
31	43	Meridian	44		6.0	4.9
36	27	Minerals†	31		4.6	10.9
370	243	Porvair	334	- ½	3.6	11.1
246	174½	Scapa	214½		1.1	6.4
29	20½	Scholle Speak†	21½	+ 1	3.4	8.8
194½	119½	Laporte Chem	178½	- 13½	0.4	29.5
690	582½	Willebrdns B	617½		5.2	13.5
243	165	Yorks Gp	169½		8.8	-
381½	313½	Yule Catto	313½	- 7	3.6	13.8

DISTRIBUTORS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
222½	185½	Arrow Cp Sds	155½	- 8	0.8	17.8
332	272	Adam & Harvey	333	+ 22½	8.4	-
21½	8½	Apparelmx	11½		1.1	-
30	21½	Applecrd	21½	- 1	7.2	-
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½		-	-
545	435	Sds Group†	520	+ 10	4.8	17.2
16½	13½	Bearing Power	15½		-	-
79½	34½	Bogod A	39½		2.9	-
652	550	Bookers	550		3.8	14.2
27	16½	Bridgend Gp	19½	- 1	5.0	10.4
119½	39½	Bss Holdings	34½		4.6	11.5
363	300	Calgary†	352		2.8	15.3
230½	182½	Car Group	182	- 1	5.5	9.9
139½	117½	Cavendish	125		3.6	7.7
133	63½	Charles Sidney	66½		5.9	10.1
57½	46½	Cook (DC)	47		8.6	-
121	90½	Dwg Motors	94		10.2	6.9
133½	127½	Dickinson Dr	129		5.3	9.9
400	258	Dipdene	259		7.5	9.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465½	387½	Bhrncmpnt†	434½	- 1½	3.2	24.5
226½	124½	Bundy Bdc	134½	- ½	5.0	17.7
97½	78½	Bunzl	85½		7.0	7.9
262	213	Burns Hardner	227½		9.1	-
53½	35½	Cde Inds	39½		10.4	7.9
397½	318½	Fitchbrg Grp	319		2.6	16.2
34½	25½	Gardner	28½		4.8	9.5
79½	57½	Glanchester	65	- ½	2.5	12.7
110	82½	Gravings	100½	+ ½	3.7	22.9
19½	11	HR Dean	14	+ ½	5.9	12.7
103	20½	Hunt	24½	- 2½	-	2.3
267½	232½	Hunt (Philip)†	240½		8.2	8.3
320½	284½	Hunting	304½		2.4	20.1
160	149	Holdings Tech	160		5.9	14.6
240½	172½	ISA Intl	172½	- 1	2.1	13.9
308½	240½	Jacksons	265½	- 3	4.8	17.5
72	42½	Jacks (Wm)	64½		4.4	10.8
277	214½	Jum-Fri	276½	- ½	2.6	18.9
359½	316½	Lon Scottsh	352½		5.1	12.9
122	100	Lookers	107		8.6	7.5
9	5½	McKinnon	7½	- ½	1.7	12.8
41½	30½	Midkemia	35½		3.8	3.2
472	180	Rexhill†	259	- 6	4.3	-
169½	114½	Northgate	130½	- ½	1.3	7.8
352½	305½	Parkn	320½	- 2	3.1	16.8
404½	342½	Pendragon	351½	- 4	3.5	16.2
222½	195½	Perry Gp	198½		6.0	8.8
751	448	Premier Fwnd†	478	+ ½	3.1	17.7
152½	124½	Quadc Group	132½		6.6	9.0
357	307½	REA†	350		1.4	43.1
2½	1½	Remco	2		-	23.3
28	12½	Rotech	14½		2.2	-
4	1½	Ross Gp	2		-	-
109½	78½	Rylund	86½		5.8	15.5
38	24	SEP Ind	31½		6.2	14.5
42	34½	Salvert	34½	- 1½	4.3	-
415½	394½	Tace Pendwctl	399½		5.2	11.1
352½	289½	Vndy (Hldg)	300½		3.4	13.1
685	496½	WF Elect	660	- 2½	2.5	23.6
41	28½	Walker	28½	- ½	3.8	-
172½	111½	Wyko	111½		3.0	13.0
154½	119½	Young (H)	142		3.8	12.1

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
140	98	Advanced	99		9.8	13.9
197	189	Alstom (Strngnt)	180		5.6	11.4
757	586	Avon Rubbrt†	585		4.3	12.1
285	227½	Bodycote	275		3.2	11.4
107½	98	Bodnor	107½		4.4	13.6
762	657½	Fast Tech	744	+ 8	1.8	-
1094½	907	GKN	988	- 19½	3.4	-
3653½	3230½	Renaud Mtr	3530½	- 12½	3.6	-
583½	415½	Hardys	445		4.2	10.5
2851	1540½	Hunts Mnlor	1765½		1.0	-
413½	312½	Laird	344		4.7	9.8
180½	128	LucasVarity	184	- 2½	3.7	18.5
165½	131	Mayflower	150		1.9	28.3
177½	127½	Spirent	145½	- 2	3.7	-
179	123	T & M	147½	- 1	3.7	-
85½	32½	Tomkins	37½		-	-
339½	236½	Trelly Hldgs†	254½		4.3	12.6

ELECTRICITY

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
188	125½	Br Energy PrPf	164	- 2½	6.5	50.9
1035	803½	Energis Rcmpt	1049½	- 2½	4.0	11.8
272	192	National Grid†	255½	- 5	5.4	10.5
586½	469½	National Power	547½	+ 2	5.7	10.6
440	352½	Nthn Ireland	437½	-	6.2	19.2
737½	565½	PowerGen†	701	- 2	4.0	12.6
455	370½	Scottish Hydro	448	+ 1	5.1	10.4
474½	381½	Scottish Power	451½	- 16	5.3	11.5
472½	373½	Southern Elect	461½	- 4	5.8	12.6

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
482½	327½	Amstrongs	445		1.5	23.5
328	232	Accrol Hldgs	234		2.8	39.0
817	790	Bestwick Hldg	799½	- 20½	2.8	18.7
289	180½	BTR	185½	- 3½	3.1	20.7
601½	462	BAT	517½	- 3½	6.3	11.1
80½	52½	Bibby Inv	62½	- ½	9.0	9.6
285	192	Cookson	280	+ ½	5.4	12.5
223½	199½	Costain	201½	- 1	6.5	8.5
369½	230½	DCC	369½		2.4	13.8
312½	243½	Gallaher	251	+ 2½	8.6	9.6
141	115½	Grampian (Hldg)	131½	+ ½	5.8	11.4
146½	101½	Hanson (James)	114	+ ½	6.9	18.8
520½	423½	Hutch Whmpo	509½	- 2½	1.5	21.7
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505½	331	Jardine Matth	412½	- 8½	3.6	-
159½	121	Lonrho	123	+ ½	4.0	12.6
175½	141½	McLeod Russell	143		6.8	11.4
457½	388½	Powell Duffryn†	395½		7.9	11.2
197½	153½	Stanley†	183½	+ 1	6.1	11.4
302½	247½	Swire Pacific	316½	- ½	2.6	-
307½	207½	TT Group	339½	- ½	2.9	14.9
301	252½	Tomkins	301	+ 3	4.9	13.3
210	165	Unidare†	205		7.9	10.6
416	365	Wassle Stoveys	405		6.0	15.1
307	235	Wassall	255½	- ½	2.1	18.1
169½	123½	Whitecroft†	123½		5.1	17.9
349½	294½	Williams	309	+ ½	5.7	12.9

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
140	98	Arlnwd	99		9.8	13.9
197	189	Alstom (Strngnt)	180		5.6	11.4
757	586	Avon Rubbrt†	585		4.3	12.1
285	227½	Bodycote	275		3.2	11.4
107½	98	Bodnor	107½		4.4	13.6
762	657½	Fast Tech	744	+ 8	1.8	-
1094½	907	GKN	988	- 19½	3.4	-
3653½	3230½	Renaud Mtr	3530½	- 12½	3.6	-
583½	415½	Hardys	445		4.2	10.5
2851	1540½	Hunts Mnlor	1765½		1.0	-
413½	312½	Laird	344		4.7	9.8
180½	128	LucasVarity	184	- 2½	3.7	18.5
165½	131	Mayflower	150		1.9	28.3
177½	127½	Spirent	145½	- 2	3.7	-
179	123	T & M	147½	- 1	3.7	-
85½	32½	Tomkins	37½		-	-
339½	236½	Trelly Hldgs†	254½		4.3	12.6

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
577	454	AB Foods†	556½	- 1	2.2	18.9
311½	271½	Associ B Foods†	297	- 3	3.2	17.5
46½	34	Allied Foods	43½	+ ½	10.8	10.3
340	276	Banks (S C)	303		4.6	11.5
414	322	Barr (AG)	405	- 1½	3.3	14.5
43	30	Bessnes Grp	34½		3.5	-
462	244	Booker	247	- 2½	12.0	72.5
42½	20½	Bortwick†	42½	+ ½	3.8	27.7
220	60	CPL Aromas†	92½		6.5	24.7
888½	484	Cadbury-Schwe	585	- 6½	3.6	16.0
335	280	Cons Mltng	295		4.8	9.4
81½	57	Cowgate	58½	- ½	8.3	10.0
267½	209½	Crawfurd†	248½	+ 1	5.1	12.7
252½	195½	Dairy Cress Group†	249½	- 1	5.0	11.1
365½	217½	Dalgety	233		11.8	30.3
52½	35½	Dawnay, S W	37½	+ 1	1.1	8.3
301	263½	Deans	301	+ 4½	2.8	27.6
122½	79½	Finlay (James)	107	+ ½	4.3	16.0
299	250	Geest	298½		3.5	23.8
26	19½	Global	22½		3.7	11.5
300	292	Greenalnd	294		3.8	12.8
127	99½	Hazlewood Foods	125½		6.8	9.8
200½	159	Hillsdown	175		7.1	11.2
77½	42½	JU Group†	44	- 3½	14.1	-
420	368	Lindt Pstn	400		3.0	10.1
142	107	Mallows (B)	108		4.7	10.5
212½	177½	Nichols (V)	203½	- 4	4.4	12.2
228	189½	Nthn Foods†	214	- 3½	5.6	14.4
22½	13	Nthumbrn Fd	17		1.1	9.5
104½	82½	Pasmount Foods	88½	+ 7	2.1	10.2
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1134½	994½	Unilever (NV)	1125½	- 35½	1.6	18.7
259½	199	Utd Biscuits	207½	+ ½	6.0	14.1
38½	29½	WT Foods†	32		5.9	13.9
105	71	Wm Morrison	91		11.9	-

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1850	1100	Amersham†	1647½	- 50	1.7	24.8
148	116½	Assoc Nursg	136		3.5	16.5
627½	472½	Bespak†	580		2.7	-
1432½	820	Biocompas Intl	1105	- 21½	-	-
140	104	Care Rstrt	107½	- ½	4.0	-
367½	261	Cons UK	318		1.1	15.9
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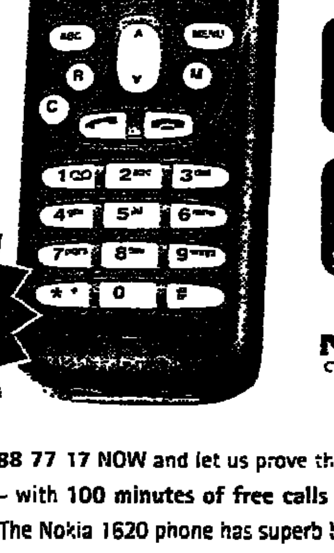
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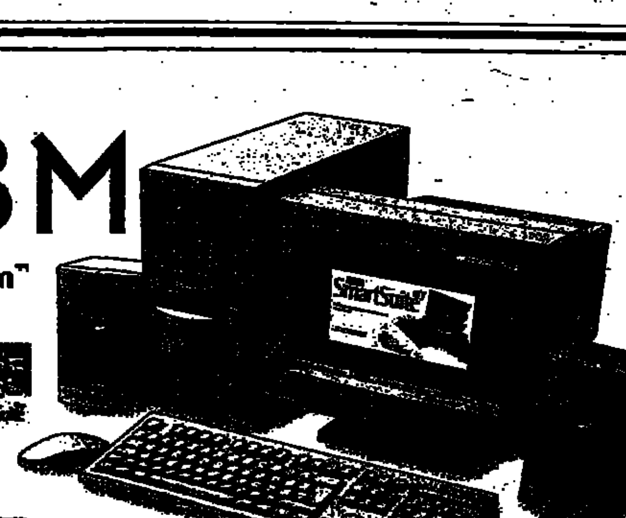
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Checklist sets tone for good holiday

By Rodney Hobson

AS THE holiday season approaches, Barclays Bank has discovered what small business owners already suspect: few owner-managers get a decent break.

Only two out of five get more than two weeks off a year. The situation is worst for those who have recently set up in business: a quarter will get no holiday this year.

Most entrepreneurs admit to being under excessive stress but Barclays has produced a checklist to ensure that harassed business owners can plan for a holiday without letting the business suffer.

☐ **Plan ahead**: Tie up loose ends before you go and make sure that important orders are satisfied or handed over to a responsible person.

☐ **Staffing**: Make provision for cover while you are away, especially during peak trading times. If this means taking on temporary employees, allow time to brief them thoroughly.

☐ **Cashflow**: Budget ahead for holiday periods so you have adequate resources to pay for temporary employees. While you are away, leave your accounts in the hands of someone you can trust. Advise the bank who they should liaise with in your absence.

☐ **Customer relations**: Let customers know the holiday dates you are planning and give them the name of a member of staff to contact while you are away.

☐ **Contact details**: Let a reliable employee know how to get in touch with you but ask to be contacted only in an emergency. There is no point in taking a holiday if you are going to be pestered with calls.

"A working one is the nearest I could get to a holiday this year"

Higher standards pledged, as one winner reflects on Business Links success

Shake-up time for one-stop shops

By Rodney Hobson

BARBARA ROCHE, the Small Business Minister, is conducting a review of Business Links, the one-stop shops for advice and help for small and medium enterprises.

She will be making an announcement in the autumn of how she sees the system set up by Richard Page, her predecessor, developing into the next century.

Mrs Roche says: "The Business Links are in place and in some parts of the country they are doing very well indeed. In other areas they are not as strong. We need to make sure that they are all brought up to the standard of the best.

"I have to decide what they are going to look like in five years' time. We keep telling small businesses not to stand still and we have to ensure the same applies to Business Links."

Mrs Roche has spoken to all the main small business organisations and intends to consult them again before making her pronouncement on Business Links. She accepts that many small enterprises are either unaware of, or ignore, Business Links.

Mrs Roche today launches the third "Making the Difference" awards sponsored by Shell, the oil giant, and the Department of Trade and Industry. Small businesses have until December to demonstrate that they have grown their business, or developed new products or services by working with a Business Links adviser.

Regional winners selected in February will go into the national judging the following month. Prize money totals £60,000, with £15,000 going to the overall winner.

She says: "More of our firms need practical help in key areas such as sourcing finance, marketing and exports if they are to turn their ideas into world-beating products and services. Recognising the hard work and contribution of small businesses is an essential part of creating an enterprise culture in Britain. It is very important that the winners act as champions and role models for others."

While it is not necessary to export in order to win an award, Mrs Roche is keen to encourage small businesses to make their contribution to Britain's balance of payments.

She cited the case of a Yorkshire delegation to Brazil organised by a local chamber of commerce last month. Mrs Roche, who was on an official visit, met the party on the aircraft.

She says: "There is a great demand in Brazil for British products. One of the small companies I met had been able to double turnover because of the orders it won there."

☐ Mrs Roche will publish her eagerly awaited Green Paper on late payments by the end of next week.

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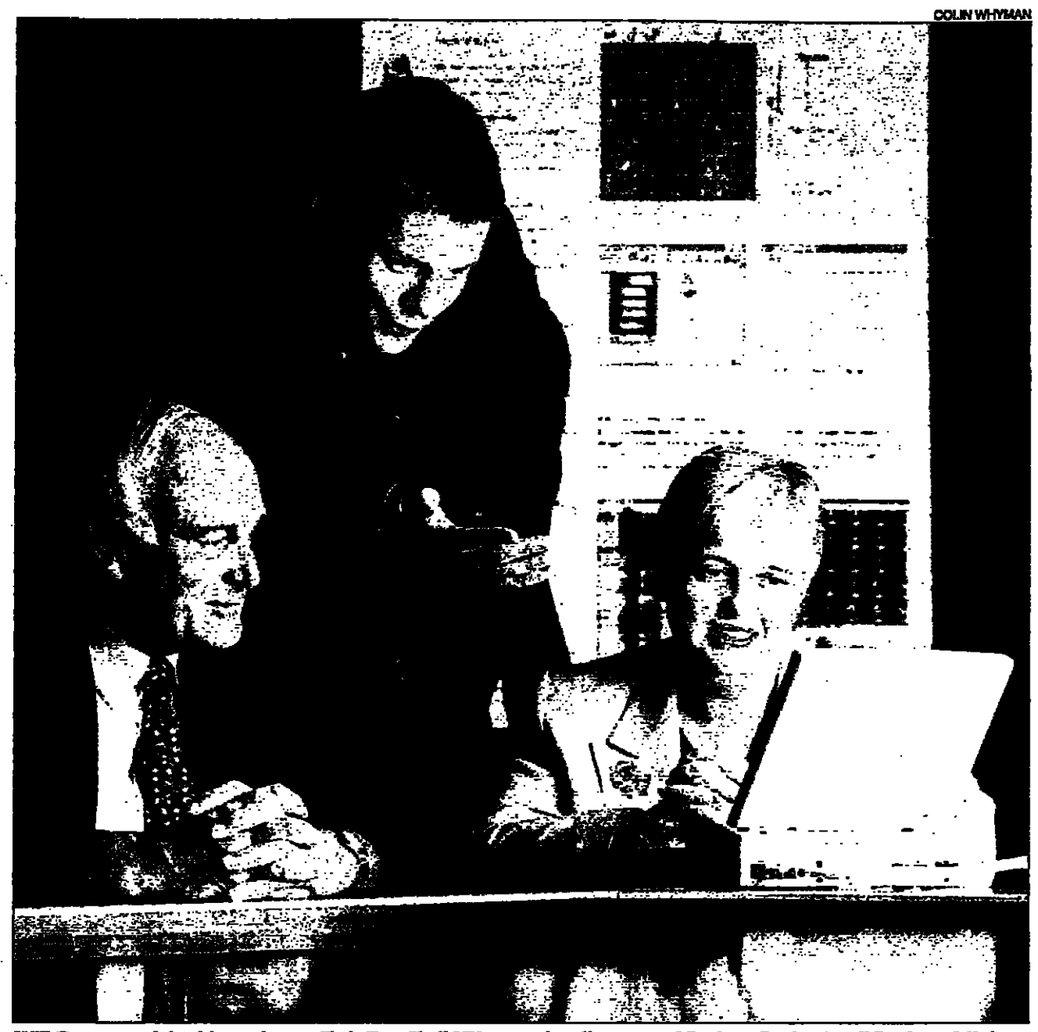

Will Dracup explains his product to Chris Fay, Shell UK managing director, and Barbara Roche, Small Business Minister

Award brings more than prize for NLD

By Rodney Hobson

PUBLICITY rather than pounds is the main benefit of the Business Links "Making the Difference" awards from the Department of Trade and Industry and Shell.

As Will Dracup, one of the original winners when the awards started two years ago, explains: "You get a lot of credibility if you are able to tell people you have won an award. In our industry there is a lot of competition from companies here and in America. When many of our competitors are having a tough time, it is a positive message to say that the award is for growing the business so much."

"Our industry" for Mr Dracup means life sciences, a sector where even large companies have seen their shares soar and plummet on the stock exchange as they lurch between miracle breakthrough and disappointment.

Mr Dracup is managing director of NonLinear Dynamics (NLD), which makes computer software for measuring protein and DNA samples. He puts a complex technology into layman's terms: "Anyone interested in the building blocks of life, how living things work at a cellular or chemical level, can study images of cells taken by various methods from videos to high-density scanners."

The technology can help scientists researching diseases by comparing samples with and without the disease. While many of NLD's customers are in research and medical colleges, the company is selling increasingly to large pharmaceutical groups such as Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham.

Mr Dracup says: "If you are working on a new drug you can look at the patterns of the protein in the cell. You can add a substance to cell cultures and see if they are producing the same proteins with or without the substance."

His product means that cosmetics can be tested for safety without being rubbed into the eyes of live rabbits. Other uses include food safety checks.

Getting started on his own was hard going. Mr Dracup was already working in life sciences as a software engineer with a company in the North East.

He says: "All companies in this field were using very big computers to do their processing. My big jump was to realise it could be done on a personal computer. I tried to persuade the people I was with but they didn't want to know so I did it myself."

From being a one-man band, NLD, based at Newcastle upon Tyne, has expanded over eight years to employ nearly 20 people.

Mr Dracup says: "Getting the first customers was the hardest part. We had no track record and no one knew whether we would be around the next year to look after them."

Business has snowballed since the firm won its Making the Difference award. Turnover was £600,000 last year and will top £1 million this year.

BRIEFINGS

University to put Suffolk on line

Televersity, run by University College Suffolk, is introducing the county's small businesses to communications technology with the chance to learn management skills and discuss business problems with tutors.

Two centres, Sudbury and Haverhill, are open; others will follow shortly at Leiston (with free training) and Stowmarket. Structured learning and drop-in facilities are offered. Funding is by Suffolk Tec with support from the county council and advice from BT on computers, Internet and video conferencing equipment.

New bond

A three-month corporate bond giving interest above the prevailing rate has been introduced by NatWest for businesses with spare funds. Investments are between £10,000 and £1 million, and the offer is open to non-NatWest customers. Steve Cockell, of NatWest corporate banking services, said: "Many companies maintain cash surpluses and it is important to make these work as hard for your business as you can." Details: 01782 719385.

Poster plan

Poster campaigns, leaflet drops and coping with media interviews are among topics covered in *Handling Publicity the Right Way*, a new book by John Venables, a journalist and media trainer. It costs £3.99 from bookshops or £4.50 to cover postage from Elliot Right Way Books, Kingswood Buildings, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey.

EU funding

The European Commission has allocated 7.5 million ecus (about £5 million) to be used by venture capital operators to consider fund applications by small and medium-sized companies for technology projects. The scheme, called I-TECH, follows complaints by applicants that venture capitalists reject technology proposals because assessing them is so costly.

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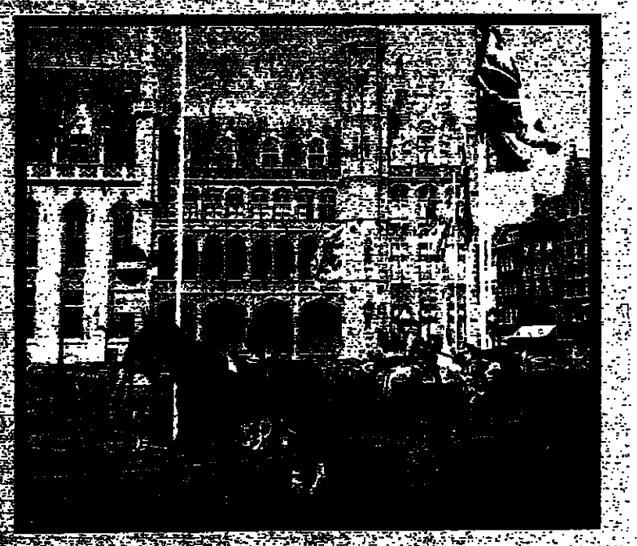

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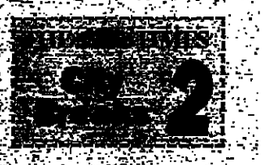

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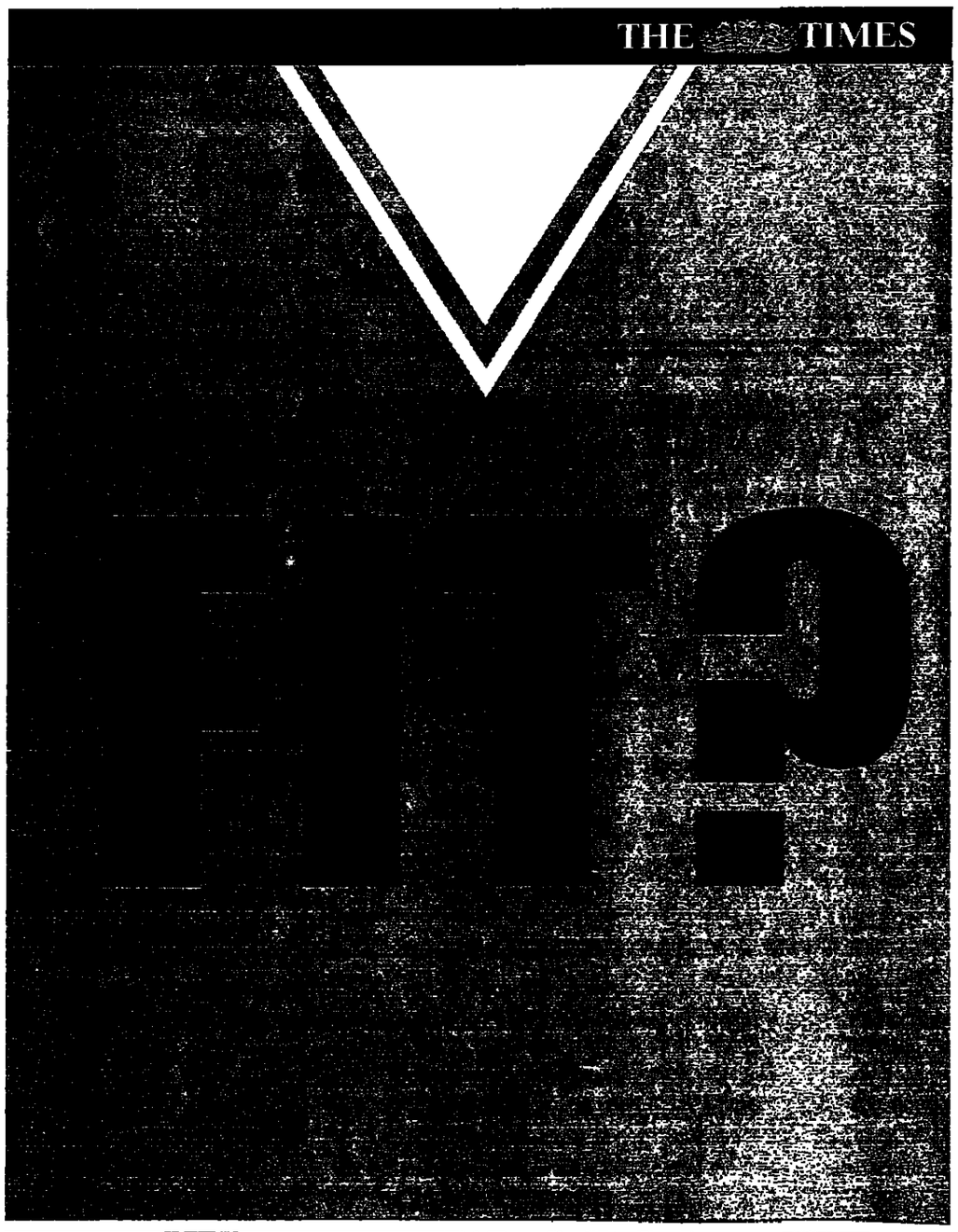

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Soap justice won't wash

Roger Ede of the Law Society is a legal adviser to The Archers. But here he takes the Radio 4 serial to task for being unfairly dismissive of the criminal justice system. Should soap operas be taken seriously or are they, after all, just stories?

PICTURES: BBC

At the heart of a national controversy: Pemberton (played by Peter Wingfield), Mrs Hebden (Judy Bennett) and Ms Aldridge (Tamsin Greig)

What is your view of the criminal justice system? Do you believe popular newspaper claims that the police are powerless, prosecutors are ineffectual, juries are naive and sentencers are too soft? If so, you will not have been surprised when the Borchester magistrates recently let Simon Pemberton off with a conditional discharge and a £200 compensation order for beating up Debbie Aldridge, his girlfriend.

Millions of Radio 4 listeners shared Ms Aldridge's disgust at how the criminal justice system had failed her. The listeners, already shocked by Pemberton's earlier assault on Shula Hebden (née Archer), had agonised with Ms Aldridge about whether she should complain to the police to stop him behaving like this towards other women — despite the public humiliation that she would suffer at the hands of *The Borchester Echo* when the court proceedings were inevitably publicised.

Though Mrs Hebden eventually went to the police, no action was taken over her complaint about Pemberton.

I had advised a different and more unpleasant departure from the programme for Pemberton. In my version, he was also charged with common assault on Mrs Hebden, so destroying any mitigation that his assault on Ms Aldridge was out of character. The clang of prison gates, for a few days at least, was my recommendation for his comeuppance. There is no doubt that it was in the public interest that he was seen to have been dealt with firmly by the Borchester magistrates. Otherwise, women who are assaulted by their husbands and boyfriends may be led to believe that it is simply not worth the trouble of reporting, and may fail to come forward.

> 'My view of reality is that the victims of domestic assaults are no longer ignored'

My view of reality is that the victims of domestic assaults are no longer ignored. They are encouraged to report crimes and police domestic violence units can be relied on to give them support. The CPS will prosecute if it is provided with the evidence, and courts will take a serious view of the victim's suffering. "Not in a million years," was a magistrate colleague's response to Pemberton's sentence on the programme.

Real-life issues help to attract audiences and bring a programme welcome publicity. Makers of television and radio "soaps", such as *The Archers*, go to great lengths to ensure that their characters and plots are plausible. Their audiences can be led to believe that events in real life could take a similar turn, and modify their behaviour accordingly. The programme's makers must be responsible in the way in which they handle this. Though I would not expect them to sacrifice a powerful plot line just to put across a public interest message, the audience must not be misled about the real consequences.

When a soap opera covers a sensitive issue through its story, it can provide a valuable opportunity to debate this in a very public forum. But such matters are inevitably complex and if the debate is to serve any purpose it must be informed.

These plots touch upon real people's lives and I think that the *Archers* "insider" who is quoted in a newspaper report of my criticism as saying "Did you tell Mr Ede that it's not real life; it's just a story?" misses the point.

When Susan Carter was jailed in *The Archers* for six months for helping her armed-robber brother who had escaped from a prison escort (the programme had taken my advice that time), the national newspapers devoted 50 column feet to the story. Her sentence came soon after Michael Howard's speech at the Tory party conference that "prison works".

The Times and *The Daily Telegraph* wrote leader columns about the issue and the *News of the World* conducted a Free The Ambridge One coupon campaign. A campaign, with posters, T-shirts and a petition, was also organised by a Friends of Susan Carter group.

Michael Howard, when Home Secretary, became involved in the debate about the jailing of a young mother like Mrs Carter on Christmas Eve, claiming that a "real" judge would not have done so. He was taunted by Tony Blair in the Commons for choosing not to apply his "prison works" philosophy to Ambridge.

It is a sign of the times that social issues are increasingly debated on fictional premises. The debate conducted on television and radio must be informed and balanced. That is why what happened to Simon Pemberton does matter.

● *The author, secretary of the Law Society's Criminal Law Committee, is an adviser to* The Archers.

Human rights are no threat to Parliament

Incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights will bring a quiet revolution in the law. The Government has said that the new Act will apply in all courts and tribunals, so the language of the convention is likely to become part of domestic legal culture, and not just in those major constitutional cases that reach the House of Lords. This will go a long way towards establishing a broadly based culture of rights. But key issues remain unresolved. The most important of these is the precise relationship between the Act and any primary legislation which is clearly in conflict with it.

It is worth noting what is not in dispute. The new Act will take precedence over delegated legislation, and over existing rules of common law and equity which are inconsistent with the rights and freedoms guaranteed under the convention. Thus the courts are almost certain to overrule the notorious decision in *Kaye v Robertson*, in which the Court of Appeal held that the actor Gordon Kaye had no right to sue the *Sunday Sport* for invading the privacy of his hospital bedroom.

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The Bill is also likely to contain an express clause requiring courts to construe legislation consistently with the convention wherever possible. This would have important consequences: it would oblige courts to strive to read a statute so as to conform with the convention; and it would reverse the effect of *ex parte Brind*, the challenge to the Sinn Fein broadcasting ban, in which the House of Lords held that Ministers and public bodies were not obliged to exercise their powers in accordance with convention rights. Put simply, the traditional "irrationality" threshold for judicial review will give way to the European doctrine of proportionality.

That still leaves the old chestnut of parliamentary sovereignty to contend with. The number of adverse judgments in Strasbourg that have arisen from primary legislation is by no means insignificant. If the Act is to be effective in such cases, something will have to be done to bring the existing body of UK legislation into line.

The Government has made it clear that it does not intend to carry out an audit of the statute book: instead the courts will be required to construe existing and future legislation consistently with the convention. In a head-on collision, one or other will have to give way.

Proponents of the New Zealand model — under which the Human Rights Act would always have to give way to conflicting legislation — argue that this is the only way to protect the sovereignty of Parliament. But this approach would do nothing to redress legislative breaches of the convention, which would still have to be resolved in Strasbourg.

This traditional view of parliamentary sovereignty is widely regarded as restrictive and outdated. Modern constitutional lawyers argue that judicial interpretation of the European Communities Act 1972 has created a new concept of "modified sovereignty". In the *Factortame* case, which arose out of quota-hopping by Spanish fishermen, the House of Lords ruled that in the event of an irreconcilable conflict between a domestic statute and a provision of directly effective community law, the domestic legislation is invalid and community law prevails. This is subject to Parliament's power to override community law by inserting an express clause into an Act to this effect. In community law at least, the courts have come to accept that protecting the sovereignty of Parliament is not the same as protecting the sovereignty of all subsequent parliamentary legislation.

It would be a shame if the new Human Rights Act were to become bogged down in this essentially circular argument. Under present arrangements, when the European Court of Human Rights rules that the UK has violated the convention, Parliament almost invariably amends the relevant legislation. Though the decision is theoretically for Parliament, the political reality is that there is usually no choice. Viewed in this way, the question confronting the Government is not whether judges should have the power to declare that an Act is inconsistent with the convention. That power already exists. The real question is whether it should remain the sole prerogative of European judges or should be extended to British judges who have some familiarity with the domestic legal system.

Incorporation on the community law model would have the advantage of promoting a consistent application of human rights law throughout the domestic courts. Since the convention is an established part of community law, it already "trumps" domestic legislation in the sphere of community competence. Why should Parliament be willing to qualify its sovereignty in commercial and employment matters, while refusing to do so in relation to human rights? It is no longer possible to draw a rigid distinction between the two systems of European law.

If a future government wishes to restrict fundamental rights then it is entirely appropriate that the matter should be debated in Parliament. The rights we are talking about are, after all, the very rights which define whether a nation qualifies as a democratic society under international law.

● *The author is a barrister, and Editor of the* European Human Rights Law Review.

INS AND OUTS

Crossing the Bar

QUIPS ABOUT "fat cats" resonated all week after Lord Irvine's attack. Lawyers noted his acknowledgement that his comments "might bear comparison with the conversion of St Paul". Was he thinking of his own remarks just a year ago at the Bar conference?

On that occasion he also mentioned "fat cats": "However hard-pressed lawyers who earn their income from legal aid may actually be, that is not how the tabloid-influenced public see it," he said.

"When they read about super silks in the private sector who are allowed to earn more than £1 million a year, that feeds into a belief that all lawyers are fat cats." The public, he added, "knows nothing of the overheads of the Bar". Listeners were persuaded that Lord Irvine would remain "one of them".

Moving tribute

THE LEGAL profession turned out in force to pay tribute last week to the late Lord Taylor of Gosforth at a memorial service at St Paul's Cathedral. The service — a moving occasion — also had its moments of humour. Mr Justice Potts, who knew Peter Taylor from his schooldays, described his career at the Bar. "He eventually took silk," he says, "and his practice flourished but no one — not even a Lord Chancellor full of post-practice remorse — could call him a 'fat cat'."

New school tie

LORD WOOLF, Master of the Rolls, paid tribute at the Law Society's council dinner this week to the success of Tony Girling, the outgoing president, in putting the society in good shape. Equally successful had been his initiative for a new Law Society tie — so much so that when a member of the Government attended a dinner with the President last week, he tried on the tie and decided to keep it — or as Lord Woolf tactfully put it, "forgot to take it off, thus creating another problem for Lord Irvine". The minister? Lord Clinton-Davis.

Watch the birdy

A RARE PAIR of redstarts has been spotted nesting in the Royal Courts of Justice. The birds were discovered nesting at the top of a drain pipe visible from Bell Yard by Ian Bradshaw, a solicitor with Goodman Derrick, and his brother Hugh, also a solicitor, with Smyth Barkham. The brothers, both keen ornithologists, had heard the male singing on Temple church from their nearby offices and watched its flight run. Mr Bradshaw said: "Despite all the fat cat lawyers about, they must have thought there was safety in the law." Chris Harbard of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said they were rare; in the UK 25 to 75 pairs breed per year.

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KAMLESH BAHL, who chairs the Equal Opportunities Commission, had double reason to celebrate last week. She received her CBE from the Queen — and, perhaps equally hard to achieve, became the first woman to be admitted to the inner sanctum of the Law Society wine committee. This elite meets two or three times a year and "holds some very comprehensive tastings", according to secretary Sue Cooper.

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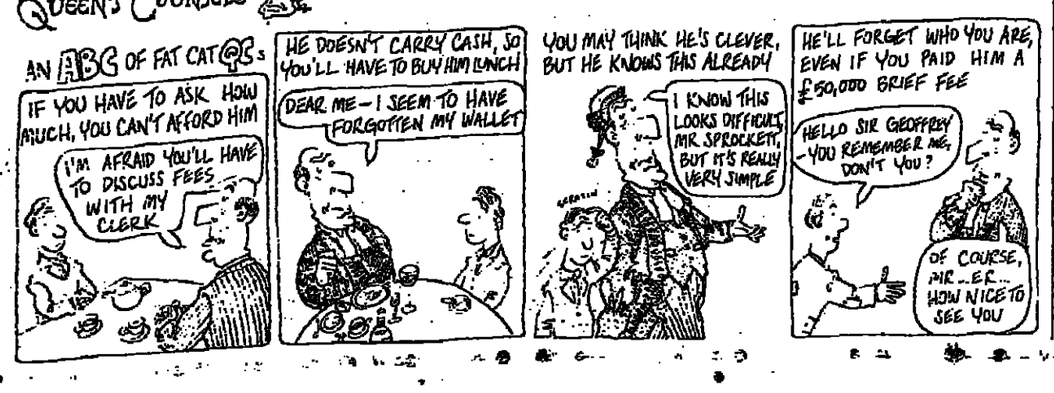

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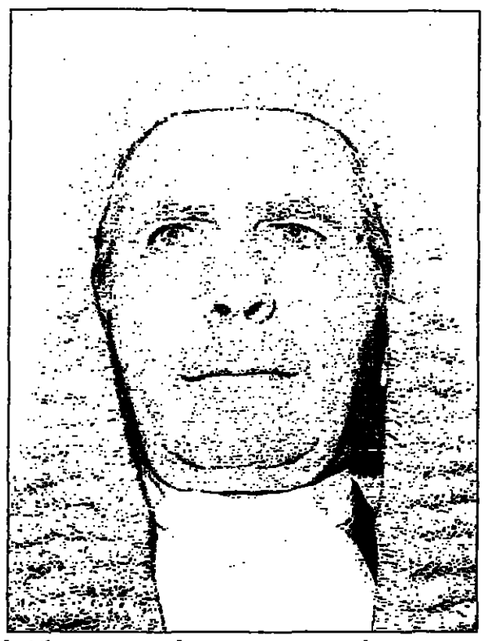

Jonathan Suimption, QC, left, Peter Goldsmith, QC, and Sydney Kentridge, QC, are top earners at the Bar, but there are many lawyers on more modest pay

Lawyers howl over fat cats attack

The howls of protest can still be heard along corridors at the Temple. "The hypocrisy, the sheer brass neck," barristers exclaim. Snipes about earnings are fair game. But this time the attack came virtually from their own ranks. The perpetrator was Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, who — until May 1 when he became Lord Chancellor — was certainly one of the plumper cats at the Bar, if not quite in the "significant" sector earning £1 million a year.

Lord Irvine's onslaught last week seemed a master stroke in terms of news management. It was his first public grilling in the Lords over higher court fees brought in earlier this year to criticisms by the profession, the Legal Action Group, even by Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor.

His defence of court fees was almost lost in the rash of headlines about "fat cat lawyers railing at the inequity of court fees", a prospect, Lord Irvine said, unlikely to attract public sympathy.

Both Bar and Law Society were publicly restrained. But privately, lawyers are seething at Lord Irvine's successful hijacking of the fees debate by seizing a populist topic guaranteed to earn instant popularity. The impression given, they say, is of the entire profession rolling in money and ripping off the public. And they resent the rolling-up of legal aid and private fees in a way that conceals the modest earnings of many lawyers.

Of course, the Lord Chancellor's speech was not just aimed at knocking the court fees debate into touch. In the longer term, his subtext is to soften the ground for a full-scale onslaught on lawyers' fees — not just legal aid and the 1 per cent of criminal cases that take 24 per cent of the criminal legal budget, but private fees, too.

Lawyers expected him to move on legal aid and do not oppose it. On the contrary, they have tabled their own suggestions for curbing the £1.6 billion bill. But private fees are another matter. Lord Irvine, it seems, is determined to shed his image of a friend of the Bar who would be far less radical than his predecessor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern.

So what is in the melting pot? One option is to rethink the central principle in English justice that the "winner takes all". Instead of winning litigants being able to recoup most of their costs from the losing side, Lord Irvine may look at a cap to limit the sum people can recover. The move — floated first by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, in his civil justice report last year — would indirectly bring pressure to bear on lawyers' charges. If a £2,500 costs limit was set for disputes up to £10,000, people would not want to pay any higher sums in legal fees.

Reaction is mixed. Some lawyers are strongly opposed, arguing that it would deter people from pursuing legitimate claims. The Law Society is not against capping costs, provided the fee set is fair.

Russell Wallman, head of policy, says: "There is an argument to say 'Why should the litigant who wins not get his or her costs back?' But a balance must be struck between winners recouping reasonable costs and curbing spiralling fees."

David McIntosh, senior partner of Davies Arnold Cooper, admits a cap on costs would serve as a brake on fees. "If a client overpays a lawyer, there is no reason why he should be able to recover all of his costs. The present system is supposed to stop this but it does not."

The point, though, is that this measure would bear on disputes at the lower end of the spectrum. The big disputes, involving hundreds of thousands in legal costs, would be untouched. And so would the "fat cat" fees reaped, because these are earned by a handful of silks, chiefly doing commercial work, whose big company clients would go on paying whatever it takes to secure the best.

The Bar argues that "fat cat" fees are quite irrelevant to the problem of access to justice for those of modest means. Robert Owen, QC, says that a handful of commercial lawyers — both solicitors and barristers — earn huge fees. But they command them in the open market, where private clients are exercising their right to spend their money as they wish.

The market, it is true, decides these fees. But how free is the market? The recent furore may fuel the case for a review of the whole way charging operates. And at the heart of it is the silks system, the passport to higher earnings for top barristers, a group held at about 10 per cent of the practising Bar. That exclusivity keeps the QCs in high demand, able to command the highest fees. For a top name — the likes of Sydney Kentridge, QC, Jonathan Sumption, QC, Peter Goldsmith, QC — bookings may have to be made two years in advance. And fees may have to be paid upfront, in stages, in the run-up to the date — sometimes before work has begun.

Solicitors feel they have no choice but to pay what the clerks ask for. But they are champing at the bit. Andrew Walker, managing partner of Lovell White Durrant, said: "There is concern that some top QCs cannot justify the hourly rates of £600 to £800 that some of them charge. Nor the requirement that solicitors should pay the brief fees in stages in advance."

If Lord Irvine wants to tackle high fees, there is no better place to start, perhaps, than with the silks system that gave him and his former colleagues what he called an "entirely satisfactory" living at the law.

Corruption fears in France

Adam Sage on how the French may alter the system of investigating magistrates to take an English approach

France is proud of its investigating magistrates. They are reputed to be intrepid, independent, and honest. They have served as models for many countries and reformers would like them in Britain. But are they getting out of hand? The French equivalent of our Royal Commission on Criminal Justice believes so and has called for curbs on the wide powers of France's 6,135 *juges d'instruction*.

The Commission Truche of 21 eminent French jurists in a report urged a series of measures to help to turn the magistrate into a British-style prosecutor. Bernard Vatier, president of the Paris Bar Council, says the measures are "a step" towards that way of doing things.

In a justice system originating after the French Revolution, investigating magistrates have traditionally been considered the linchpins. Though they need the approval of their local state prosecutor to launch an inquiry, they can do more or less what they want once the investigation is under way. They have the police under their orders, can question whom they like and can remand suspects in custody or on bail.

The commission, headed by France's best-known judge, Pierre Truche, 67, wants to restrict this role. It says, for example, that investigating magistrates should lose the right to decide whether to grant bail — a recommendation which comes after criticism that magistrates often detain defendants in an attempt to obtain a confession. In theory, they can order a detention only to prevent a crime or to stop the suspect conferring with other witnesses or defendants. Alain Carignon, the former communications minister, is the most famous of a long list of suspects who harbour grudges against the judiciary for alleged abuses of power. M Carignon was held in custody in 1994 for almost a year on corruption charges.

The commission said bail hearings should be held in open court by three judges not involved in the investigation, and the press should be able to report the proceedings. M Truche also called for lawyers to be allowed to see their clients "an hour after an arrest", instead of 24 hours later. He said police and judicial interrogations should be video-recorded.

The recommendations come after claims about a series of cases that police officers fabricated confessions or extracted them through violence. Recently, Djamel Eddoubi, 20, was released from custody after it emerged that he admitted raping a policewoman to escape beating by some of her colleagues after his arrest.

M Vatier says: "The investigating magistrate's traditional role has been to shed light on what has happened. Now it looks as though he is to become an accusing judge rather than an investigating judge. The rights of the defence will be increased." He said that with French magistrates still overseeing police but constrained by new laws, the system could be "better than the British system".

Perhaps so. But it will be more like the British system. In a second proposal, M Truche says France should introduce an offence of contempt of court for the first time, with the media forbidden from mentioning names of those arrested. M Truche could win support from lawyers worried by publicity given to recent investigations; notably the arrest last month of 600 alleged paedophiles. Six men committed suicide when their names appeared in the local press, and at least one was posthumously declared innocent. But the proposal for a contempt of court law has infuriated journalists, for whom the only reporting restrictions are the country's libel laws.

Media commentators also denounced the commission's stance on the sensitive relationship between politics and justice. With the state prosecution service answerable to the justice ministry, and no constitutional separation of powers in France, successive governments have covered up scandals by telling prosecutors to quash embarrassing inquiries.

M Truche's commission has ruled out severing the link. Ministers, it said, should not intervene in criminal cases, but should retain overall authority over the prosecution service.

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Store liable to licensees' employees

Harrods Ltd v Remick
Harrods Ltd v Seeley
Elmi v Harrods Ltd

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment July 17]

A department store owner who ran a system of licensed concessionaires and who declined to grant approval to an employee of one of its licensees for reasons which constituted unlawful racial discrimination, was liable under section 7 of the Race Relations Act 1976 to that employee.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Harrods Ltd from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (*The Times* May 28, 1996; [1996] ICR 846) in favour of Mrs Annupama Seeley, Mrs Maria Remick and Mrs Gillian Elmi.

Section 7 of the 1976 Act 1976: "(1) This section applies to any work for a person ('the principal') which is available for doing by individuals ('contract workers') who are employed not by the principal himself but by another person who supplies them under a contract made with the principal.

"(2) It is unlawful for the principal, in relation to work to which this section applies, to discriminate against a contract worker . . . (b) by not allowing him to do it or continue to do it."

Mr Bob Hepple, QC and Mr Paul Goulding for Harrods; Mrs Laura Cox QC, Mr Martin Westgate and Ms Sandhya Drew for the respondents.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that Harrods organised the sale of goods at its Knightsbridge store by granting licenses under which the licensee became responsible for a particular department at which the licensee's goods would be sold.

The licensee had to provide the sales force at the department in question. The members of the sales force would be the licensee's employees, hired and remunerated by the licensee.

Each member of the sales force, however, had to be approved by Harrods and had to observe Harrods' rules regarding dress, deportment and behaviour. Harrods might withdraw its approval of any such individual at any time.

The contractual arrangements between Harrods and its licensee had the result that the members of the sales force, each of whom would necessarily have been approved by Harrods, would be employees of the licensee but would be selling to the public goods that belonged at the moment of sale to Harrods, not to the licensee.

Each respondent, who had either lost or failed to gain approval by Harrods, alleged that she was the victim of racial discrimination. The question was whether a case against Harrods of unlawful discrimination was capable of being brought under section 7 of the 1976 Act. Both the industrial tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal held that it could.

Two question arose on the construction of section 7:

1 Was the work done at the Harrods' departments "work done for [Harrods]"?

2 Were the respondents persons each of whom the respective employer "supplies . . . under a contract made with [Harrods]"?

His Lordship analysed the contractual arrangements between Harrods and its licensee and held that for section 7 purposes the work done by the licensee's staff was work done for Harrods. The work would of course also be work for the licensee but it was also work done for the principal.

The opposite construction would leave a person in the position of the respondents without a remedy in the event of discrimination against him or her by the principal since section 30 and 31 of the 1976 Act only provided for declaratory relief not a personal remedy.

Applying *Showboat Entertainment Centre Ltd v Owens* ([1984] ICR 65, 71); *Jones v Tower Boot Co Ltd* ([1997] ICR 254) and *Sanjani v Inland Revenue Commissioners* ([1981] QB 458, 466-467) a construction of section 7 should give effect to the statutory language that was not only consistent with the actual words used but also would achieve the statutory purpose of providing a remedy to victims of discrimination who would otherwise be without one.

Similar considerations applied to whether the individuals who comprised the staff of Harrods' licensee were persons who their employer "supplies under a contract made with [Harrods]". His Lordship held that they were.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal had come to the right conclusion.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Ward agreed.

Solicitors: Ms Caroline Boseley; Mr Makbool Javaid.

Limit to discretion

Shropshire County Council v Wynne

Before Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Gage

[Judgment July 1]

When considering an application from a local authority to make an order for the removal of persons and their vehicles unlawfully on land, the magistrate did not have a general discretion to refuse to make the order where he considered it unreasonable for the authority to seek their removal.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an appeal by Shropshire County Council by way of case stated from a decision by Mr Peter Browning, Telford Stipendiary Magistrate, not to make an order under section 78 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 requiring Michael David Wynne to move from land at the complaint of Shropshire County Council.

Mr Robin Campbell for the council; the respondent did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the respondent had been living in a caravan on land forming part of a highway for several years when the council directed him, under section 77 of the 1994 Act, to leave.

When he did not leave, the council applied to the court to make an order under section 78 requiring him to do so. The magistrate had declined to make an order, stating that on the facts of the case it was unreasonable to do so, and that he had a discretion not to make an order in those circumstances.

In his Lordship's judgment the use of the word "may" in section 78 was not enough to establish that the Act gave justices a discretion. More explicit language was required, as for example in section 84(2) of the Housing Act 1985.

His Lordship adopted the approach taken by Mr Justice Sedley in *R v Wealden District Council, Ex parte Wales; R v Same, Ex parte Stratford; R v Lincolnshire County Council, Ex parte Atkinson* (*The Times* September 22, 1995) and the Divisional Court in *R v Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council and Another, Ex parte Dunne and Another* (*The Times* January 2, 1997).

The question of reasonableness was for the council to decide when it made a section 77 direction. There was no discretion for the magistrate to review the reasonableness of the council's action. A closely limited discretion did exist to refuse to make an order in special circumstances, for example when it was unnecessary to do so because the occupier made an acceptable undertaking to leave by a certain time.

Mr Justice Gage agreed.

Solicitors: Mr David Brierly, Shrewsbury.

Planning dispute

Regina v Newbury District Council and Another, Ex parte Chieveley Parish Council

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment June 23]

Where a party applied out of time for judicial review of a decision relating to a major planning proposal, it could not pray in aid *R v CICB, Ex parte A* (*The Times* June 6, 1997) which established that unexplained delay without evidence of prejudice was not a bar to relief, since in such cases it was self-evident that there would be prejudice to good administration of the planning of the area, quite apart from any specific prejudice to those directly concerned, if doubts over the status of the proposal were left unresolved.

Mr Justice Carnwath, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held granting in part Chieveley Parish Council's application for judicial review of, inter alia, the decision of Newbury District Council's decision to grant approval of reserved matters relating to the planning application of Newbury and District Agricultural Society to build two exhibition halls in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Mr Robin Purchas, QC and Miss Suzanne Ornsby for the parish council; Mr John Steel, QC and Mr Rabinder Singh for the district council; Mr Michael Fitzgerald, QC and Mr Christopher Boyle for the agricultural society.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH also said that when the district council granted the permission, it had reserved matters which had been particularised in the application. That was an error of law which appeared on the face of the permission.

The applicant had submitted that the permission was thereby a nullity and that it was not necessary for the court to make an order to that effect or to exercise its discretion in granting relief. That was to be contrasted with an error which simply invalidated the permission, which would not exclude the court's discretion.

His Lordship rejected that submission. The line of Court of Appeal authorities beginning with *Co-operative Retail Services v Taff Ely BC* ([1980] 39 P & CR 233) showed that the question whether the defect rendered a permission void or a nullity was not a useful subject of inquiry.

The starting point was to consider the nature of the defect and to ask whether it was an important part of the statutory procedure for the protection of parties such as the applicant before the court. If it was, and a breach of it had been established, then prima facie the court should grant relief.

Solicitors: Berwin Leighton; Mr Stuart Tagg, Newbury; Nabarro Nathanson.

Right of way to be granted

Regina v Secretary of State for Wales, Ex parte Emery

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Phillips

[Judgment July 9]

An application to a local authority under section 53(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 for the definitive survey map of an area to be modified under section 53(2) to include an alleged public footpath that was based on credible evidence of enjoyment of it as a public right of way over a period of 20 years was to be granted unless there was documentary evidence which had inevitably to defeat the claim.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the Secretary of State for Wales, but for different reasons, from the judgment of Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC (*The Times* June 24, 1996; [1996] 4 All ER 1) granting an application by Mr Gordon Emery, a member of the Ramblers' Association, for judicial review of the secretary of state's decision upholding the refusal by Clwyd County Council to modify the definitive map of its area to show a public footpath running from Llyn Madoc, Trefor, along the bank of the River Dee in an easterly direction to Pont-Cysyllte Bridge.

Section 53 of the 1981 Act provides:

"(2) As regards every definitive map and statment, the surveying authority shall — . . . (b) . . . keep the map and statement under continuous review and as soon as reasonably practical after the occurrence . . . of any of those events, by order make such modifications . . . as appear to them to be requisite. . .

"(3) The events referred to . . . are . . . (c) the discovery by the authority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows — (i) that a right of way which is not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist. . ."

Mr John Hobson for the secretary of state; Mr George Laurence, QC and Mr Edwin Simpson for Mr Emery.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that there were two ways in which a public right of way could be created.

First, at common law by an act of dedication by the owner of the land over which the way passed.

Second, by an act of dedication being deemed to have been dedicated as a highway; by enjoyment by the public as of right and without interruption for 20 years, unless there was sufficient evidence that there was no intention during that period to dedicate it: see section 31 of the Highways Act 1980.

The appeal was concerned with the second method. Because of the public interest in the conservation of public rights of way, Parliament had placed on local authorities an obligation to prepare and publish definitive maps and statements of footpaths and bridleways over which public rights of way existed.

They were placed under an additional duties by section 53(2) of the 1981 Act to review the particulars contained in the maps and statements from time to time.

In 1992 Mr Emery applied unsuccessfully to Clwyd Council for a modifying order in respect of the footpath at Llyn Madoc. On his appeal to the secretary of state, he submitted over 100 statements showing that the path had been used by the public for walking from 1912 up to 1986.

There was written evidence from the landowners that general access to the public along the river bank had always been refused.

Upholding Mr Emery's application for judicial review, the judge had quashed the secretary of state's decision on the grounds of legitimate expectation and fairness. But his approach was quite wrong in principle, would be disastrous in practice and could not be sustained.

Section 53(3)(c)(i) related to discovery by the local authority of evidence of two separate things:

First that a right of way which was not shown on the map subsisted and second, evidence that a right of way which was not shown on the map was reasonably alleged to subsist. Difficulty was caused by those two limbs of the subsection.

There could only be discovery by the authority of evidence that a right of way which was not shown on the map subsisted if there was clear evidence of 20 years' use uncontroverted by any credible evidence to the contrary and no credible evidence that there was on the part of the landowners no intention during the period to dedicate the way to the public.

The problem arose where there was conflicting evidence on one or other or both issues. In approaching such cases the local authority and the secretary of state should bear in mind that an order under section 53(5) left both the applicant and the objector with the ability to appeal under Schedule 15 to the 1981 Act when conflicting evidence could be heard and those issues determined following a public inquiry.

The correct approach had been laid down by Mr Justice Owen in *R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Bagshaw* ((1994) 68 P & CR 402).

Where an applicant for a modification order produced credible evidence of actual enjoyment of a way as a public right of way over a full period of 20 years and there was a conflict of apparently credible evidence in relation to one of the other issues which arose under section 31 of the 1980 Act, then the allegation that the right of way subsisted was reasonable and the secretary of state should so find, unless there was documentary evidence which had inevitably to defeat the claim either, for example, by establishing incontrovertibly that the landowner had no intention to dedicate or that the way was of such a character that use of it by the public could not give rise at common law to any presumption of dedication.

In the present case, the evidence for the landowners was far from being clear and unequivocal. The secretary of state's failure to conclude that there was no right of way contradicted his finding that the actions of the landowners had been such as to demonstrate clearly that they had no intention to dedicate it as a public right of way.

It was not a reasonable conclusion for the secretary of state to reach that the evidence submitted in support of the application was not such as to indicate that a right of way was reasonably alleged to subsist.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Phillips agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Brooke North & Goodwin, Leeds.

Rescue services owe no duty of care to those in distress

OLL Ltd v Secretary of State for the Home Department

Before Mr Justice May

[Judgment June 16]

The coastguard owed no duty of care where it negligently misdirected its own personnel or equipment while trying to rescue people in danger at sea nor did it owe any duty of care where it misdirected other people outside its own service.

Mr Justice May so held in the Queen's Bench Division when striking out a claim against the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Civil Liability (Contribution) Act 1978 of OLL Ltd for an indemnity against or contribution towards claims settled between them and families and individuals who had brought actions arising out of a disastrous canoeing expedition off Lyme Regis in March 1993.

Mr Jeremy Stuart-Smith, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Lionel Persey, QC, for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE MAY said that *Capital and Counties plc v Hampshire County Council* (*The Times* March 20, 1977; [1997] 2 All ER 865) were consolidated appeals of three cases in which claims were made against fire brigades.

Lord Justice Stuart Smith had there said that the fire brigade was not under a common law duty to answer a call for help and was not under a duty to take care in doing so.

But where the rescue service itself by negligence created the danger which caused the plaintiff's injury, there was no doubt the plaintiff could recover where a new or different danger had been created from that which the rescue service was seeking to guard against, for example, if, on arrival at the scene, the fire engine was negligently driven into the plaintiff's car. In the first case the defendant, having negligently turned off sprinklers, by its positive act had exacerbated the fire and a duty of care was established.

Mr Stuart-Smith was scarcely able to find material reasons for distinguishing this case from the *Capital and Counties* decision. Indeed there was no obvious distinction between the fire brigade responding to a fire where lives were at risk and the coastguard responding to an emergency at sea.

Mr Stuart-Smith submitted that the coastguard intervened positively in its coordination of other rescue services and thereby materially increased the risk so as to create fresh danger for the canoeists and positively made things worse by removing the potential for the other services to save the canoeists earlier.

His Lordship considered that the *Capital and Counties* decision was to be applied to the coastguard.

The remaining question was whether the misdirections given by the coastguard to other rescue organisations were to be equated with the fire officer negligently ordering the sprinkler system to be switched off. They were not.

A distinction which would render the coastguard potentially liable if it gave misdirections to other people was quite artificial. His Lordship acceded to the defendants' application to strike out and dismiss the claim.

Solicitors: Ensor Byfield, Southampton; Treasury Solicitor.

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CYCLING

Pantani steps up the pressure on worried Riis

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN MORZINE

MARCO PANTANI, of Italy, overcame a sleepless night and acute bronchitis yesterday to take his second Tour de France stage win in three days and seize third place overall from the defending champion, Bjarne Riis, on the final Alpine stage to Morzine.

Pantani, 27, known to his Italian supporters as *Nosferatu* and *Elephantino*, because of his shaven head and protruding ears, enlivened an otherwise dull day, which was trouble-free for the race leader, Jan Ullrich.

"My bronchitis isn't much better and I haven't been able to sleep much," Pantani said. "The Sunday stage was very fast and I could hardly breathe, but today wasn't so fast, my legs felt better and I could breathe more easily so, when we reached the last climb, I decided to attack as hard as I could."

By the summit of the narrow and very steep Col de Joux Plane, Pantani had an advantage of 1min over Ullrich and Richard Virenque, of France, and he charged into the descent towards Morzine. "I wasn't scared," he said, "even though I went flat out. I didn't want to risk losing my advantage."

Ullrich's sole concern was the possibility of an attack by Virenque, his closest challenger, who began the day in feisty mood. "I've never felt discouraged by Ullrich's strength," Virenque said, "even if so far I've been unable to beat him."

Yet it was another Frenchman, Laurent Jalabert, who began the Tour among the favourites to finish in the first three, who broke away from the field on the Col de Tamie after 36 miles. It has been a trying Tour for the enigmatic Jalabert, the world No 1, who lost any hope of a high placing as soon as the race reached the Pyrenees. All that was left to restore the affections of his supporters was a lone bid for a stage victory. "I'm so far behind on the overall classification that I'm no danger to anyone," Jalabert said. "So it was well worth trying to steal a stage win."

Jalabert, the winner of the Paris-Nice event last March for the third year in succession, was unable to hold off his pursuers and, as he dropped back into the pack at the summit of the Col de la Colombière, the Festina and Telekom teams of Virenque and Ullrich again moved to the front of the race to set a brisk pace on the flat valley road to the final Alpine pass of this year's event.

Virenque's plans for one last attack on the 23-year-old German were thwarted by Pantani's unanswerable burst. The Italian's spectacular turn of speed immediately took him clear of his pursuers and left the hapless Riis battling to limit his deficit.

As Riis faced up to the prospect of finishing outside the top three, Pantani, who confessed later that he had thought of abandoning the Tour on Sunday because of his bronchitis, completed his second stage win, matching his achievement on his two previous Tours.

Afterwards, a weary Riis — who this year has struggled to recapture his form of 1996 — acknowledged that third place overall was now the best he could hope for. "I'm sure I can still overtake Pantani and finish on the podium in Paris," he said, "but I accept now that Ullrich and Virenque are better than me."

JEAN-PAUL PELISSIER

Pantani coasts triumphantly into Morzine to complete a stage win that took him into third place overall

DETAILS FROM THE TOUR DE FRANCE

FIFTEENTH STAGE (Courchevel to Morzine, 208.5km): 1, M Pantani (It, Mercatone Uno) 5hr 57min 16sec; 2, R Virenque (Fr, Festina) at 1min 17sec; 3, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom) same time; 4, B Zberg (Switz, Mercatone Uno) 1:59; 5, F Casagrande (It, Saeco); 6, B Julich (US, Cofidis); 7, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme) all same time; 8, B Riis (Den, Telekom) 2:06; 9, J M Jiménez (Sp, Banesto) 2:37; 10, O Camenzind (Switz, Mapei) 3:29; 11, A Olano (Sp, Banesto); 12, G Guerini (It, Polti) all same time; 13, U Bolts (Ger, Telekom) 3:45; 14, L Roux (Fr, TVM) 3:49; 15, M Beltran (Sp, Banesto) 4:02; 16, L Madouas (Fr, same time); 17, R Conti (It, Mercatone Uno) 4:08; 18, A Casero (Sp, Banesto) 5:02; 19, P Chanteur (Fr, Casino) 5:11; 20, S Heulot (Fr, La Française des Jeux) 5:50; 38, M Sciandri (GB, La Française des Jeux) 13:36.

LEADING OVERALL POSITIONS: 1, Ullrich 76hr 58min 59sec; 2, Virenque at 6min 22sec; 3, Pantani 10:13; 4, Riis 11:55; 5, Escartin 16:05; 6, Olano 16:40; 7, Casagrande 17:14; 8, Jiménez 23:42; 9, Conti 28:20; 10, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina) 29:46; 11, Camenzind 30:21; 12, Zberg 31:39; 13, P Luttenberger (Austria, Rabobank) 32:04; 14, Beltran 43:15; 15, J-C Robin (Fr, US Postal) 47:14; 16, M Boogerd (Holl, Rabobank) 48:59; 17, D Nardello (It, Mapei) 50:27; 18, Madouas 54:06; 19, Julich 57:33; 20, H Buenahora (Col, Kelme) 1hr 0min 7sec; 67, Sciandri 2:11:22sec. Points classification (green jersey): 1, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom) 288pts; 2, F Moncassin (Fr, GAN) 3, J Blijlevens (Holl, TVM) 168; 4, Ullrich 132; 5, Virenque 129; 6, M Traversoni (It, Mercatone Uno) 126; 7, N Minali (It, Batik) 121; 8, R McEwen (Aus, Rabobank) 119; 9, F Simon (Fr, GAN) 108; 10, Riis 96. King of the mountains (polka dot jersey): 1, Virenque 517; 2, Ullrich 324; 3, Casagrande 250; 4, Pantani 242; 5, L Brochard (Fr, Festina) 238; 6, Dufaux 194; 7, P Hervé (Fr, Festina) 158; 8, Riis 139; 9, F Escartin 125; 10, Jimenez 115. Teams: 1, Telekom 231hr 45min 45sec; 2, Mercatone Uno at 12min 21sec; 3, Festina 21:51; 4, Banesto 28:31; 5, Kelme 1hr 34min 7sec.

TODAY: Sixteenth stage: Morzine to Fribourg (181 kilometres).

Boardman prepares for return to finish

CHRIS BOARDMAN, who retired on Saturday in great pain from injuries he suffered in an earlier crash, has been told to rest for three days while having treatment for a badly torn muscle between his neck and shoulder blade. Nevertheless, the British world 4,000 metres pursuit champion and record-holder will be at the finish in Paris on Sunday as a spectator.

"Chris wants to join his GAN team colleagues for a brief reunion," Peter Woodworth, his business manager, said yesterday. GAN's sponsorship ends this year, but Boardman and most of his colleagues have elected to wait until September 1 before seeking team places elsewhere in the hope that another sponsor will be found.

With Graeme Obree temporarily "retired" from competition and Boardman planning not to defend his world pursuit title in Australia next month, their potential successors raced to reach the quarter-finals of the British 4,000 metres championship at Manchester yesterday. Rob Hayles, runner-up last year to Obree, was the fastest of the eight qualifiers with a personal best time of 4min 29.032sec, followed by Bryan Steel and Jon Clay.

MOTOR RACING: BRITON BIDS FOR FURTHER SUCCESS IN INDYCARS

Victory drives Blundell on

MARK BLUNDELL yesterday set his sights on further success in North America after completing one of the best victories of his chequered career in the Molson Indy race in Toronto, Canada, on Sunday night.

The victory was the second in three PPG Cart World Series outings for Blundell, who failed to win once in a Formula One career that spanned 61 grands prix. The Briton, 31, now based in Paradise Valley, Arizona, drove a perfect race to lead for all but two of the 95 laps.

"This is one of the greatest moments of my career," Blundell, who drives for the Motorola PacWest Mercedes team, said. "We had a car that was simply the fastest there.

"We led for just a little of the last win in Portland, but we got this one fair and square. The whole PacWest team earned this one. The guys gave me great pit-stops and, other than a couple of backmarkers who didn't want to get out of the way, it was a perfect day.

"I'm just taking it all in my stride. I've always felt I have the ability to win races, so it was only a matter of time for the team to come together and give me the car and package that we needed to win."

Blundell, who had started from second place on the grid, took over the lead on the first lap when Dario Franchitti, of Scotland, collided with the Ford of Bobby Rahal, of the United States.

Blundell's win in Oregan last month was the first in an IndyCar race by a Briton since Nigel Mansell, in 1993. The next round is the US 500 at the Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn on Sunday.

Blundell: perfect race

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BOLZANO, Italy: European championships: Third place play-off: Italy 14 Great Britain 7.

ATHLETICS

INGOLDSTADT, Germany: International meeting (selected results): Winners: Men: 100m: M Marsh (US) 10.24sec. 200m: Marsh 20.30sec. 400m: J Young (US) 45.19. 110m hurdles: C Jackson (GB) 13.24. Pole vault: T Lobinger (Ger) 5.96m (national record). Javelin: R Hecht (Ger) 86.22m. Women: 200m: J Campbell (Jam) 22.69. 800m: J Henner (US) 2min 02.21sec. 100m hurdles: C Botha (SA) 13.17sec. High jump: A Astafei (Ger) 1.94m. Shot: A Kumbernuss (Ger) 20.87m.

KENTMERE, Cumbria: Kentmere Horseshoe fell race (11.9m, 3,300ft): Men: 1, G Devine (Pudsey and Bramley) 1hr 30min 40sec; 2, J Davies (Borrowdale) 1:30:47; 3, J Blackett (Mandale) 1:31:21; 4, D Holdsworth (Kendal, M40) 1:32.09; 5, M Fleming (Ambleside) 1:36:16; 6, M Walsh (Kendal, M45) 1:36.43. Over-50: D Kearns (Bolton) 1:50:10. Team: 1, Kendal 26pts; 2, Bolton 54. Women: 1, V Peacock (Clayton-le-Moors, W40) 1:51.33; 2, N Lavery (Ambleside) 1:57:36; 3, J King (Cumberland Fell Runners) 2:03 40.

KEIGHLEY, West Yorkshire: Asics Oldfield Gala fell race (3m, 500ft): Men: 1, I Holmes (Bingley) 22min 40sec (record); 2, S Green (Pudsey and Bramley) 23:05; 3, R Grillo (Bradford Airedale) 23:10; 4, S Oldfield (Bradford Airedale, M40) 23:14; 5, P Stevenson (Pudsey and Bramley) 23.30. Women: 1, C Greenwood (Bingley) 25:54 (record); 2, N White (Holmfirth, U20) 30.31; 3, A Srivastava (Pudsey and Bramley) 34:55.

WARE: British 24hr track-walking championship: 1, P Pedersen (Denmark, guest) 190.845km; 2, C Flint (London Vidarians) 184.208km; 3, K Perry (Southend) 178.972; 4, D Watson (Surrey WC) 177.196; 5, E Horwill (Dudley & Stourbridge) 165.776; 6, M Fisher (York CIU) 164.818. Team: London Vidarians. Women: S Brown (Surrey WC) 194.758km (UK record). Intermediate distance: 100 miles: S Brown 19 hr 27min 15sec (UK record).

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 7 Boston 2; Chicago White Sox 10 Baltimore 2; Anaheim 9 Toronto 5; Minnesota 1 Oakland 0; Seattle 5 Kansas City 4; Milwaukee 8 New York Yankees 2; Texas 7 Detroit 6 (10inns). NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles 8 Atlanta 3; Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 1; New York Mets 10 Cincinnati 1; Houston 9 Montreal 0; San Francisco 9 St Louis 2; Colorado 9 Chicago Cubs 5; San Diego 3 Florida 0.

BOXING

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: World Boxing Association super-middleweight championship: F Liles (US, holder) bt Z Baliogou (Togo) pts. International Boxing Federation bantamweight championship: T Austin (US) bt M Botile (SA, holder) rsc 8th.

INDIO, California: International Boxing Federation middleweight championship: B Hopkins (US, holder) bt G Johnson (US) rsc 11th.

CRICKET

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): The Oval: Surrey 168 (I J Ward 47; R S C Martin-Jenkins 6-40); Sussex 169-5 (M Newell 54 not out). Sussex won by five wickets. Leicester: Leicestershire 215 (D Stevens 66); Warwickshire 210-9 (S McDonald 51 not out; J M Dakin 4-52). Leicestershire won by five runs. Chester-le-Street: Durham 187-9 (J E Hindson 4-49); Nottinghamshire 180-9 (G E Welton 53). Durham won by seven runs. Belper: Derbyshire 267-7 (D G Cork 55); Yorkshire 263 (M P Vaughan 68, G M Hamilton 52; Cork 4-16).

MCC TROPHY: Semi-finals: St George's, Telford: Devon 287-5 (N R Gaywood 72, R J Boggs 63 not out, A J Pugh 63); Shropshire 288-6 (Asif Din 111 not out, I R Payne 50). Shropshire win by four wickets. Dean Park, Bournemouth: Norfolk 200-8; Dorset 161 (S W D Rintoul 73). Norfolk win by 39 runs.

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APS TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Colchester 191-9 Bury St Edmunds 192-4; Mildenhall 193-5 Sudbury 159-7.

CRICKETER CUP: Semi-finals: Old Cliftonians 229 Bradfield Waifs 231-3; Uppingham Rovers 115 Old Tonbridgians 116-3.

CYCLING

MANCHESTER: BCF national championships: Olympic sprint: Final: City of Edinburgh RT (47.252sec) bt Glendene CC (48.553). Third place: CC Lancashire (48.980) bt Brixton Cycles, London (49.787). Women's 15km scratch: 1, M Ward (Condor Cycles RT) 21:58.978; 2, S Boyden (Middridge CRT); 3, W Everson (St Alban CC). Junior 3,000m pursuit: Final: B Wiggins (Condor Cycles RT) 3:30.513 (championship record) bt S Jones (Harlow CC) 3:33.771. Third place: S Barker (Team Chiltern) 3:41.278 bt S Cummings (Birkenhead North End CC) 3:42.459.

ROAD RACES: VC Cumbria (Moresby Parks, 58 miles): 1, T Gill (Pace Racing) 2hr 25min 40sec; 2, M Taylor (Cleveleys RC); 3, E Aunger (CC Giro) both same time. Cleator Moor handicap (Cumbria, 32 miles): 1, M Taylor (Cleveleys RC) 1hr 12min 41sec; 2, G Weir (New Brighton CC); 3, M Pluckrose (Border City Wheelers) both same time.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: South American qualifying group: Bolivia 1 Uruguay 0 (in La Paz); Argentina 2 Venezuela 0 (in Buenos Aires); Colombia 1 Ecuador 0 (in Barranquilla); Chile 2 Paraguay 1 (in Santiago).

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GOLF

NEW ROCHELLE, New York: JAL Big Apple Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 272: M Redman 64, 67, 71, 70. 275: A Sorenstam (Swe) 71, 68, 67, 69. 276: M Mallon 71, 70, 67, 68. 277: C Johnson 68, 73, 69, 67; K Webb (Aus) 66, 73, 68, 70. 278: L Kane 71, 68, 72, 67; W Doolan 73, 67, 69, 69. 279: B King 70, 71, 69, 69; B Mucha 68, 68, 70, 73; T Barrett 69, 67, 71, 72. 280: L Davies (GB) 71, 68, 72, 71. 281: H Alfredsson (Swe) 68, 70, 72, 71; R Hetherington (Aus) 69, 69, 69, 74. Other British scores: 283: C Pierce 70, 76, 69, 68. 287: S Maynor 72, 73, 71, 71; L Hackney 71, 69, 72, 75. 289: H Dobson 72, 73, 73, 71. 291: S Strudwick 72, 72, 73, 74. 293: K Marshall 72, 73, 75, 72.

MADISON, Mississippi: Deposit Guaranty Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 271: W R Brown 69, 66, 69, 67. 272: M Standly 69, 67, 70, 66. 273: M Brisky 64, 74, 67, 68. Other score: 283: G Hjertstedt (Swe) 68, 73, 70, 72.

COON RAPIDS, Minnesota: Burnet Senior Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 199: H Irwin 65, 68, 66. 201: L Trevino 66, 68, 67. 204: L Gilbert 65, 71, 68. Other scores: 205: G Marsh (Aus) 66, 71, 68. 209: D Graham (Aus) 70, 69, 70; R Floyd 68, 69, 72. 210: A Jacklin (GB) 73, 69, 68. 215: A Palmer 72, 70, 73.

HOCKEY

LEICESTER: Mixed international match: England 1 Wales 0.

BISHAM ABBEY: Women's representative matches: England Under-21 4 Great Britain development squad 0; England Under-21 3 Great Britain development squad 2.

LACROSSE

STOCKHOLM: European championships: Men: England 18 Germany 2; Scotland 0 Sweden 17. Women: Wales 9 Czech Republic 2; England 14 Sweden 2; Scotland 5 Germany 6.

MOTOR RACING

TORONTO, Canada: Molson Cart Indy race: 1, M Blundell (GB, Reynard-Mercedes) 1hr 45min 43.935sec; 2, A Zanardi (It, Reynard-Honda) at 0.695sec; 3, A Ribeiro (Br, Reynard-Honda); 4, M Andretti (US, Swift-Ford); 5, S Pruett (US, Reynard-Ford) all same lap.

NETBALL

PORT ELIZABETH: Tour match: Eastern Province Invitation 29 England 61.

RUGBY LEAGUE

World club championship

Pool A

Cronulla 28 St Helens 12

Cronulla Sharks: Tries: Bell, Donaghy, Dykes, Ettingshausen 2. Goals: Green 4. St Helens: Tries: Cunningham, Newlove. Goals: Goulding 2. Att: 7,781

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULT: Wigan Warriors 4 Brisbane Broncos 30.

FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers 16 Keighley Cougars 14

ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP: Wakefield 20 St Helens 24; Wigan 28 Hull 4.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA Imperial Meeting: Rifle: King George V Cup (English county championship): 1, Surrey 1,187pts (A Chown 149.26); 2, Norfolk 1,181.101 (A Ringer 150.24); 3, Berkshire 1,173.143 (R Munday 148.22). Daily Telegraph Cup: 1, K Hills (Australia) 50.10. Donegall Cup (300yds: tie, to be decided later): I Donaldson (Guernsey), M Veltman (OGRE), Lt Col D Scott (Australian Army) and S Smallwood (Berkshire) all 50.10. Century Cup (500 and 600 yds): 1, W Richards (Gunroom Lizards) 100.19. Admiral Hutton Trophy (900yds: tie, to be decided later): A Marion (Can), M Brister (Humberts Leisure) and C Heales (OGRE) all 50.9. Aggregate Cup: 1, Richards 149.25. Bradfield Trophy (schools, 200 and 300yds): 1, W Squires (Sedbergh) 67. Daily Mail Cup (500yds: tie, to be decided later): D Calvert (RAF), P Davis (Welsh XX) and N Harvey (Uppingham Veterans) all 50.10. Saturday Aggregate: 1, G Feast (Radlett) 149.18. Tucker Aggregate: 1, S/Ldr D Calvert (RAF) 246.35. Pistol: Scott Cup (centre fire): 1, B Lilburn 285. Granet Cup (centre fire): 1, R Duckworth 289. Silhouettes Cup (centre fire): 1, Lilburn 287. Standard: 1, B Smith 569.

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Peterborough [illegible] Belle Vue 33.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Newcastle 56 Exeter 34.

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Peterborough 44 St Austell 34.

SQUASH

ALBUQUERQUE: Albuquerque Open: Semi-finals: A Tose (Yorkshire) bt R Graham (Essex) 15-12, 15-5, 15-8; M Mendez (Mexico) bt Ong Beng Hee (Malaysia) 11-15, 15-7, 15-5, 15-7. Final: Tose bt Mendez 8-15, 15-5, 15-6, 15-5.

TENNIS

WASHINGTON: Men's tournament: Final: M Chang (US) bt P Korda (Cz) 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

KITZBÜHEL: Men's tournament: First round: A Volkov (Russ) bt O Camporese (It) 6-3, 7-5; T Champion (Fr) bt M Charpentier (Arg) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; F Squillari (Arg) bt A Oshovski (Uzb) 6-1, 6-3.

UMAG, Croatia: Men's tournament: First round: A Merinov (Russ) bt R Sabau (Rom) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; M Martelli (It) bt Z Krajan (Cro) 6-1, 7-5; D Hrbaty (Slovakia) bt S Duran (Sp) 6-3, 7-6; I Ljubicic (Cro) bt A Rybalko (Ukr) 6-4, 6-4.

FRINTON: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: S de Beer (SA) bt N Egorova (Russ) 6-2, 6-3; C Grunes (Ger) bt L Gabai (Isr) 6-3, 6-4; M Joubert (SA) bt T Musgrave (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; T Obziler (Isr) bt J Ward (GB) 6-2, 7-5. Semi-finals: De Beer bt Grunes 6-4, 6-2; Joubert bt Obziler 6-4, 6-2. Final: De Beer bt Joubert 6-4, 6-4.

MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: C Rubin (US) bt A Lettiere (US) 6-3, 6-2; A Kournikova (Russ) bt A Grossman (US) 7-6, 6-1; M Maleeva (Bul) bt E Likhovtseva (Russ) 6-4, 1-0 ret; M Seles (US) bt M Lucic (Ger) 2-6, 7-5, 6-0. Semi-finals: Rubin bt Seles 3-6, 3-2 ret; Kournikova bt Maleeva 6-4, 6-1.

PRAGUE: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: M Maruska (Austria) bt C Cristea (Rom) 6-2, 6-1; J Kruger (SA) bt V Martinek (Ger) 7-5, 6-1. Final: Kruger bt Maruska 6-1, 6-1.

FRINTON: LTA Reebok Tour: Men: Semi-finals: J Davidson (GB) bt J Fox (GB) 0-6, 2-0 ret; P Hand (GB) bt R Tucker (Aus) 6-2, 5-7, 7-5. Final: Davidson bt Hand 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. Women: Semi-finals: K Cross (GB) bt M Malhotra (India) 6-4, 6-3; W Fix (US) bt D Kovacova (Slovakia) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2. Final: Cross bt Fix 6-1, 6-3.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No 006303 of 1996

In the Matter of
BARINGS PLC
and in the Matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the direction of Sir Richard Scott VC dated 27th June 1997, the creditors of the above-named company (hereinafter called "the Company"), which is being wound up pursuant to an order of the Court dated 25th November 1996, including, without limitation, any persons who have claims against the Company arising out of their having formerly invested in any of the Issues referred to in the Schedule hereto and having disposed of their investment, are required on or before the 2nd day of September 1997 to prove their debts by sending to the undersigned Nigel James Hamilton, Margaret Elizabeth Mills and Alan Robert Bloom, of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU, the liquidators of the Company, written statements of the amounts they claim to be due to them from the Company and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the liquidators to be necessary.

A creditor who has not proved his debt before the declaration of any dividend is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the distribution of that dividend or any other dividend declared before his debt was proved.

SCHEDULE

(1) The US$150 million floating rate capital notes issued on 15th January and 15th October 1986 by Barings BV and guaranteed by the Company.
(2) The £100 million perpetual subordinated notes issued on 31st January 1994 by the Company.
(3) The US$150 million floating rate notes issued on 7th April 1994 by Barings BV and guaranteed by the Company.

Dated this 22nd day of July 1997

Signed:

Nigel James Hamilton, Margaret Elizabeth Mills and Alan Robert Bloom, the liquidators of the Company, of Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No 001200 of 1995
No 001199 of 1995

In the Matter of
BISHOPSCOURT (BGH) LIMITED
(formerly Baring Group Holdings Limited)
and in the Matter of
BISHOPSCOURT (BS) LIMITED
(formerly Baring Securities Limited)
and in the Matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named companies (hereinafter called "the Companies"), which are in administration pursuant to orders of the Court dated 27th February 1995, are required on or before the 2nd day of September 1997 to send to the undersigned Nigel James Hamilton, Margaret Elizabeth Mills and Alan Robert Bloom, of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU, the administrators of the Companies, written statements of the amounts they claim to be due to them from the Companies and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the administrators to be necessary.

Dated this 22nd day of July 1997

Signed.

Nigel James Hamilton, Margaret Elizabeth Mills and Alan Robert Bloom, the administrators of the Companies, of Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No 001204 of 1995

In the Matter of
BISHOPSCOURT (BB&Co) LIMITED
(formerly Baring Brothers & Co., Limited)
and in the Matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named company (hereinafter called "the Company"), which is in administration pursuant to an order of the Court dated 27th February 1995, including without limitation, any persons who have claims against the Company arising out of their having formerly invested in any of the Issues referred to in the Schedule hereto and having disposed of their investment, are required on or before the 2nd day of September 1997 to send to the undersigned Nigel James Hamilton, Margaret Elizabeth Mills and Alan Robert Bloom, of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU, the administrators of the Company, written statements of the amounts they claim to be due to them from the Company and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the administrators to be necessary.

SCHEDULE

(1) The US$150 million floating rate capital notes issued on 15th January and 15th October 1986 by Barings BV and guaranteed by Barings PLC (in liquidation).
(2) The £100 million perpetual subordinated notes issued on 31st January 1994 by Barings PLC (in liquidation).
(3) The US$150 million floating rate notes issued on 7th April 1994 by Barings BV and guaranteed by Barings PLC (in liquidation).

Dated this 22nd day of July 1997

Signed:

Nigel James Hamilton, Margaret Elizabeth Mills and Alan Robert Bloom, the administrators of the Company, of Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.

No. 002926 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF
QUILTER & CO LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 16 July 1997 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £20,000,000 to £12,608,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 17 July 1997.

Dated the 17th day of July 1997
LINKLATERS & PAINES (PEH)
Barrington House
59-67 Gresham Street
London EC2V 7JA
Solicitors for the above-named Company

NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND
RE: SHANTILAL JIVAN PARMAR
(IN BANKRUPTCY)
HIGH COURT NO. 1827 OF 1988

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that I intend to declare a First and Final Dividend to the unsecured creditors of the above-named bankrupt. All creditors who have not yet submitted claims are requested to lodge a proof of debt together with a statement of claim with the undersigned, Surjit Kumar Singla, FSPI, FCA of Singla & Company, Chartered Accountants, 6 & 7 Queen Street, London EC4N 1SP no later than 15 August 1997, which is the last date for proving. The First and Final Dividend will be declared within the period of four months from the last date for proving.

Dated 15th July 1997
S K SINGLA, FSPI, FCA, Trustee

RE: MISCELLANEOUS No 954129
UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF TITLES ACT
OFFICE OF TITLES
PO BOX 494
KINGSTON
JAMAICA
19th March 1997

Whereas I have been satisfied by Statutory Declaration that the duplicate of the certificate of title for all that parcel of land part of Charlton situate in the parish of Saint Andrew containing by survey fifty-three thousand nine hundred and seventy square feet of the shape and dimensions and butting as appears by the plan thereof hereunto annexed and being the land registered at volume 311 folio 69 of the register book of titles in the names of Ferdinand Linton Morgan and Ida Lameter Morgan - has been lost:-

That I hereby give notice that I intend at or after the expiration of fourteen days from the last appearance of this advertisement to cancel the said certificate and register a new certificate in duplicate in place thereof.

G. BROWN
DEPT. REGISTER OF TITLES

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BRITAM SERVICES LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, the undersigned Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Britam Services Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 15th July 1997.

Michael William Young, Liquidator
DATED this 15th day of July 1995

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Spannit Roofing Limited

We, Andrew David Dick and Richard William Traynor of Buchler Phillips Traynor, 1 Winckley Court, Chapel Street, Preston PR1 8BU, hereby give notice that we were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above company by the Shareholders on 27 June 1997. Andrew David Dick and Richard William Traynor, Joint Liquidators.

The Insolvency Act 1986
FALCONGOOD LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 14th July 1997.
M R DORRINGTON, Liquidator

APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENCE
TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE, RICHARD ALAN KENNETH BACON who has resided for the past six months at 25 Crown Reach, 145 Grosvenor Road, Westminster, London SW1V 3JY and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Restaurateur and NATASHA MURRAY who has resided for the past six months at 37 Wandle Bank, London SW19 and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Manager DO HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that it is OUR intention to apply at the Licensing Sessions for the Licensing Division of WIMBLEDON to be held at WIMBLEDON MAGISTRATES COURT, The Law Courts, Alexandra Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 7JP on WEDNESDAY the 6TH day of AUGUST 1997 at 10.00am in the forenoon for the grant to US of a Justices On Licence (Subject to Conditions) authorising US to sell by retail at the premises situate at 48 HIGH STREET, WIMBLEDON, LONDON SW19 in the said Licensing Division intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption ON the premises.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY 1997
SWEPSTONE WALSH
9 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London WC2A 3BP
Solicitors for and on behalf of the Applicants duly authorised.

IN THE MATTER OF SPANNIT ROOFING LIMITED
and in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the above named company which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before 28 August 1997 to send in their full Christian and Surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned, Andrew David Dick of Buchler Phillips Traynor, 1 Winckley Court, Chapel Street, Preston PR1 8BU, the Joint Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by the Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof at such time and place as shall specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Date 15 July 1997. Andrew David Dick, Joint Liquidator.

Lyndon Litho Limited T/A Return
(In Administrative Receivership)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Begbies, 6 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5BP on the 19th August 1997 at 10.30am for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act and, if thought fit, appointing a Committee.

Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.

Creditors are only entitled to vote if they have delivered to the Administrative Receivers at the address shown below, not later than 12 noon on the 18th August 1997, written details of the debts that they claim to be due to them from the Company and their claims have been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Copies of the report by the Administrative Receivers will be sent free of charge to unsecured creditors on application to the address shown below.

Paul M Davis & Nicholas R Hood
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Begbies, 6 Raymond Buildings
Gray's Inn, London
WC1R 5BP
Dated this 18th day of July 1997

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities: Charities Administered by the Merchant Taylors' Company
Scheme for the appointment of Trustees
Reference:
TG/58387G1(A)/CD(Ldn)

The Charity Commissioners have made a scheme for these charities. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Charity Commission, St Albans House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities: Charities Administered in connection with the Merchant Taylors' Educational Trust
Scheme for the pooling of investments
Reference:
TG/58387G1(B)/CD(Ldn)

The Charity Commissioners have made a scheme for these charities. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

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RACING: SWITCH TO SINGSPIEL LEAVES PARTICIPATION OF SHANTOU IN DOUBT FOR KING GEORGE

Dettori changes partners for Ascot

By Chris McGrath

THERE are more appropriate times to be switching partners than the day after your wedding, but Frankie Dettori was yesterday confirmed as the rider of Singspiel in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on Saturday. Shantou, marooned at the altar, may now be withdrawn.

Dettori, who ended his bachelor days on Sunday, has enjoyed a uniquely successful liaison with Shantou — so much so that John Gosden,

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ELNADIM (3.45 Yarmouth)
Next best: Clef Of Silver (4.15 Yarmouth)

trainer of the tricky St Leger winner, feels that there is little point running him with any other escort. But Sheikh Mohammed, who owns both horses, has — as anticipated in *The Times* yesterday — decided that the percentage bet is to keep Dettori on the more strongly fancied Singspiel.

The Italian coaxed Shantou to a narrow success over Swain, another of the eight five-day acceptors for Saturday's race, in the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket's July meeting. But he has also steered Singspiel to win the Japan Cup and Coronation Cup.

Anthony Stroud, the sheikh's racing manager, said that "every option" would now be considered for Shantou, and that a decision might not be made until Thursday. Gosden certainly appears to have lost out to Michael Stoute, Singspiel's trainer, in this power struggle within the sheikh's camp, and is now expected to advise against running the horse at all. Should he go to post, however, there could be no more sensible replacement than Willie Ryan, who brought the Derby to Stanley House last month, when a late replacement on Benny The Dip.

Olivier Peslier, the only acceptable alternative for Singspiel, must instead honour domestic commitments in France. It was those same ties that originally saw him forfeit the ride on Helissio, the French-trained favourite. Cash Asmussen has played the role of lawyer in that divorce, enjoying all the benefit — and yesterday he was delighted by Helissio's final exertions before Saturday's race, which looks like being the best staged in Britain for many years.

The colt dashed clear of two work companions, with Asmussen relatively motionless, at the end of a gallop over nine furlongs of Les Aigles in Chantilly. "He went very nicely, seemed relaxed and happy, and I'm full of confidence for Ascot," Asmussen said, seeking — after Justin Leonard — to become the second Texan in successive weekends to seize the British sporting headlines. "It is a great field, everything in it deserves respect, and it's great for the game. Singspiel is one of the best horses in the world today — but I sure wouldn't swap my horse for any of them."

Onlookers did not consider Helissio's work to be too strenuous, but reported the colt in grand condition since his warm-up in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud last month.

Helissio was certainly one of the most flamboyant winners of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe last autumn, but there remain question marks over whether he can show that same elan outside his homeland — especially on the fast going that he seems likely to encounter on Saturday.

That sort of ground at least suits Strategic Choice, third behind Lammtarra two years ago, but Paul Cole feels that his only prospect of success would be if a large hole were also to appear in it, swallowing Helissio, Singspiel and Pilsudski. "He has got no chance of winning," the trainer said. "He has a chance of a place at best."

It is a measure of the race's quality that the same would be true of numerous of its previous winners.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Singspiel, the Coronation Cup winner, will be ridden by Dettori in the King George at Ascot on Saturday

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER

2.15 Mezzoramio
2.45 Kite
3.15 Awesome Wells
3.45 MARCH CRUSADER (nap)
4.15 Clef Of Silver
4.45 Dalwhinnie

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 CLEF OF SILVER.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Kite. 3.15 Awesome Wells. 4.15 BABANINA (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 6-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. C — slipped up. E — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last racing. J — jumps. F — flat. B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM · DRAW NO ADVANTAGE · SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.15 SCRATBY HANDICAP (£3,932: 7f 3yd) (16 runners)

101 (16) -303001 ALPINE HIDEAWAY 12 (D,F) (Mrs M Bradley & Hardway) 4-10-0 A Nicholls (7) 99
102 (1) 222-000 PRESENT GENERATION 14 (S Lamy P Guest) 4-9-13 . .. C Lowther (5) 97
103 (2) 0422000 PRIMA SILK 10 (C,D,F,G) (Heacroft Park Stud) M Ryan 6-9-10 G Carter 98
104 (5) 0013006 PENSAMON 20 (F,G) (Mrs A Smallman) H Collingridge 5-9-9 . .. J Quinn 96
105 (7) 0-06624 WILD PALM 11 (B,BF,C,D,G,S) (S Fustok) W D Gosden 5-9-5 Emma O'Gorman 90
106 (8) 13-4004 MUNKILLES 50 (Armore Ltd And Mr C Montgomerie) Bob Jones 4-9-7 N Day 92
107 (15) 0042- E-MAIL 227 (G Cook) J Eustace 3-9-6 . .. J Tate 80
108 (6) 0011060 IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 14 (B,D,F) (D Ivory) P Ivory 4-9-6 Martin Dwyer (3) 57
109 (10) 266610- RED ADMIRAL 290 (C,F,G) (C Murray Racing) C Murray 7-9-2 Nicola Howarth 90
110 (14) 0302 NICKER 6 (Knodec Racing) W Jarvis 3-8-11 .. .. W Ryan 93
111 (9) -600051 KARINSKA 19 (CD,F,G,S) (G Whiting) M Chapman 7-8-11 S Carson (7) 92
112 (4) 6/4/000 HOPEFUL BID 6 (CD,F,G) (D Patrick) P Howling 6-8-8 .. N Carlisle —
113 (3) 25-0004 HYPE ENERGY 18 (B Knocbatchi) G Lewis 3-8-4 Paul Eddery 83
114 (11) 0-00230 MEZZORAMIO 32 (V,D,F) (T Pryke) K Morgan 5-8-2 . Jo Hannam (7) 94
115 (12) 4-00030 PUSH A VENTURE 31 (BF) (Dr F Chao) S Woods 3-8-1 R Ffrench (3) 96
116 (13) 6006005 SHERWOOD 8 (Mrs V Hubbard) K Ivory 4-7-10 . . D Williams (7) 80

Long handicap: Sherwood 6-8

BETTING: 5-1 Awesome, 6-1 Prima Silk, 7-1 Alpine Hideaway, Hype Energy, 8-1 Wild Palm, 10-1 Munkilles, Mezzoramio, 12-1 others.

1996: GYMCRAK FLYER 5-9-7 Dean McKeown (11-4) G Holmes 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALPINE HIDEAWAY beat Inlaatch 1¾l in 15-runner claimer at Southwell (AW, 7f). WILD PALM 4¾l 4th of 11 to Ikantheposi in conditions race at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f). E-MAIL 1¾l 2nd of 9 to *Fit For The Job in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f)*. RED ADMIRAL beat Impacing Time neck in 13-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). NICKER 1¾l 2nd of 10 to Semonda Mahlka in maiden handicap at Brighton (6f, firm). KARINSKA beat Listed Account 1¾l in 4-runner handicap over course and distance (good to soft). HYPE ENERGY *6¼l 4th of 10 to Sally Green in handicap at* Sandown (5f, good to soft).
Selection: ALPINE HIDEAWAY

2.45 ELIZABETH SIMPSON SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,406: 7f 3yd) (10 runners)

201 (2) SENOR HURST (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 8-11 . N Carlisle —
202 (7) 000 SUMMER RIVER 34 (V) (C Murray Racing) C Murray 8-11 .. P Bloomfield —
203 (5) 266 BERMUDA TRIANGLE 8 (M Haynes) M Haynes 8-6 . R Ffrench (3) 88
204 (8) 05 KITE 13 (C Wall) M Bell 8-6 . .. . M Fenton 80
205 (6) 000 LILIAN MARKS 13 (S Molloy) B Meehan 8-6 M Tebbutt 74
206 (1) 2 LITTLE TUMBLER 11 (R Reeve) S Woodman 8-6 . Pat Eddery 97
207 (4) 4223 MEDINA MISS 31 (Cauldheads Racing) W G M Turner 8-6 . D Sweeney (5) 85
208 (9) 04050 MUJA'S MAGIC 5 (Mrs V Hubbard) K Ivory 8-6 Martin Dwyer (3) 96
209 (3) 0002 SHANNON 13 (E Helouze) C Dwyer 8-6 .. .. D O'Donohoe (3) 96
210 (10) 0203 THE HONORABLE LADY 31 (BF) (H Ponsonby & Pine) M Channon 8-6 C Rutter 88

BETTING: 11-4 Little Tumbler, 9-2 Kite Shannon, 13-2 Medina Miss, The Honorable Lady, 10-1 Bermuda Triangle, Muja's Magic, 12-1 others.

1996: SILCA'S MY KEY 8-11 R Hughes (2-1) M Channon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BERMUDA TRIANGLE 2¼l 2nd of 12 to Swift Alliance in maiden at Folkestone (8f, good to firm). KITE 8l 5th of 13 to Bellow in seller at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with LILIAN MARKS 3l 7th. LITTLE TUMBLER head 2nd of 10 to Acid Test in seller at Lingfield (6f, good to firm). MEDINA MISS 6l 3rd of 6 to Michelee in seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f). SHANNON 3¾l 2nd of 9 to Regal Revelation in auction maiden at Folkestone (6f, good). THE HONORABLE LADY 4½l 3rd of 11 to Linnetsong in seller at Redcar (7f, good).
Selection: LITTLE TUMBLER

3.15 MEDLER MAIDEN STAKES (£3,677. 1m 3f 101yd) (8 runners)

301 (2) 4- JASEUR 423 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-9 . G Hind 84
302 (6) 522 AWESOME WELLS 34 (Cheveden Stud) H Cecil 3-8-12 . K Fallon 88
303 (5) 0-0 BRIGGS TURN 71 (F Briggs) W Jarvis 3-8-12 M Tebbutt —
304 (1) 5 DEVILISH CHARM 15 (K Abdulla) Mrs A Perrett 3-8-12 . Pat Eddery 87
305 (8) 55 GLITTERING 10 (A Richards) C Brittain 3-8-12 .. R Cochrane 86
306 (7) 053-0 INVERMARK 81 (Sir David Willis) J Fanshawe 3-8-12 .. M Hills 91
307 (3) 0-4 MARSUL 15 (H al-Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-12 . R Hills 81
308 (4) 323-44 ELBAAHA 20 (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) M Jarvis 3-8-7 . M Roberts 96

BETTING: 11-10 Awesome Wells, 9-2 Marsul, 11-2 Jaseur, 7-1 Invermark, Elbaaha, 10-1 Devilish Charm, 25-1 Glittering, 33-1 Briggs Turn.

1996: LEAR EXPRESS 3-8-12 Pat Eddery (4-9 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

JASEUR 3½l 4th of 15 to Mount Row in Haydock maiden (1m 2f 120yd, good to soft). AWESOME WELLS 1½l 2nd of 18 to Mumtaz in Ripon maiden (1m 4f, good). BRIGGS TURN 28l 8th of 12 to Banbury in Redcar maiden (1m 2f, good). DEVILISH CHARM 3½l 5th of 10 to Dangour in Bath maiden (1m 2f, good). INVERMARK 2½l 12th of 15 to Champagne Prince in Newmarket handicap (1m 2f, good). MARSUL 6l 4th of 11 to Meteor Strike in Bath maiden (1m 2f, good). ELBAAHA 4½l 4th of 8 to Spartan Girl in Epsom maiden (1m 2f, soft).
Selection: AWESOME WELLS

3.45 NORTH WALSHAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O. £5,495 6f 3yd) (11 runners)

401 (5) 42-12 ELNADIM 14 (D,F) (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-7 . .. R Hills 94
402 (11) 312340- WAIT FOR ROSIE 344 (F) (Four Seasons Racing Ltd) V Soane 8-13 C Rutter 84
403 (8) 52-6105 SILCA KEY SILCA 14 (D,G) (T Corby) M Channon 8-12 . A Eddery (7) 88
404 (7) 120-040 CARATI 52 (D,F) (Mrs J Rooll) R Boss 8-11 . K Fallon 85
405 (1) 022-560 MOONSHINER 78 (B) (Baron G von Ullmann) G Wragg 8-11 M Hills 82
406 (4) 51-42 REFUSE TO LOSE 96 (BF,D,G) (J Smith) J Eustace 8-7 . R Cochrane 87
407 (3) 332-5 HOPESAY 11 (BF) (F Abdulla) J Gosden 8-7 . Pat Eddery 89
408 (6) 4365-11 FORCING BID 85 (D) (H Moubowich) M Prescott 8-7 . G Duffield 91
409 (2) 0-06566 BLUES QUEEN 17 (D,F) (Maygan Ltd) M Channon 8-5 . P P Murphy (3) 93
410 (9) 0442105 MARCH CRUSADER 12 (D,F) (M al-Maktoum) R Hanbury 9-5 J Stack 97
411 (10) 5021023 IVORY DAWN 10 (D,G) (D Ivory) K Ivory 8-2 Martin Dwyer (3) 94

BETTING: 7-2 Elnadim, 5-1 Refuse To Lose, 6-1 Forcing Bid, 7-1 Silca Key Silca, Hopesay, 8-1 Moonshiner, Blues Queen, 10-1 others.

1996: SYLVA PARADISE 9-1 B Doyle (5-2) C Brittain 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELNADIM 2l 2nd of 10 to Danetime in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good) with SILCA KEY SILCA (4lb better off) about 4¼l 5th. SILCA KEY SILCA best effort thus term beat Bayford Thrust 6l in 9-runner handicap at Lingfield (6f, good). REFUSE TO LOSE 1l 2nd of 19 to Treasure Touch in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). HOPESAY about 5¼l last of 5 to Yabeel Al Sultan in maiden at Chester (7f, 122yd, good to firm). FORCING BID completed double, beat Swan Island 2½l in 14-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 6f). MARCH CRUSADER best recent effort beat Always On My Mind neck in 11-runner maiden at Lingfield (6f, good to firm). IVORY DAWN 1½l and neck 3rd of 13 to Peppalit in handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to firm).
Selection: ELNADIM (nap)

4.15 E B F SCROBY SANDS MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,351: 5f 43yd) (8 runners)

501 (3) 22 CLEF OF SILVER 24 (BF) (Silver Clef Racing Venture) W Jarvis 9-0 M Hills 88
502 (2) 66 MARAHILL LAD 20 (L Sheridan) P Howling 9-0 . Paul Eddery 87
503 (7) 0 NAAYEL 46 (H al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 .. R Hills —
504 (4) 00 TIGHTROPE 8 (W Hart) M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 60
505 (1) 6 BABANINA 12 (S Manana) C Brittain 8-9 .. .. M Roberts 97
506 (8) ESCUDO (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-9 . G Hind —
507 (6) 0600 GIPSY MOTH 8 (Mrs F Changle) B Meehan 8-9 Pat Eddery 72
508 (5) 4 PRINCESS OLIVIA 6 (Mrs W Sole) M Ryan 8-9 G Carter —

BETTING: 6-4 Clef Of Silver, 2-1 Escudo, 7-1 Babanina, 10-1 Princess Olivia, 12-1 Naayel, Gipsy Moth, 14-1 Tightrope, 25-1 Marahill Lad.

1996: BAHAMIAN BOUNTY 9-0 R Hughes (11-10 fav) D Loder 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLEF OF SILVER head 2nd of 9 to Overture in maiden at Sandown (5f, good to firm) penultimate start. MARAHILL LAD 1¾l last of 5 to Greenlander in maiden here (6f, good to soft). TIGHTROPE 10l 9th of 14 to Moomtaheh in maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). BABANINA 5¼l 6th of 13 to Embassy in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). ESCUDO (foaled Apr 4, cost 30,000gns). Half-brother by Indian Ridge to Putiy, 5-11 winner. PRINCESS OLIVIA 11¼l 4th of 8 to Headhunter in maiden here (6f, good).
Selection: CLEF OF SILVER

4.45 BELTON MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,900. 1m 6f 17yd) (6 runners)

601 (4) 26-430 NORDIC CREST 27 (Great Danes) P Harris 3-9-10 .. .. C Lowther (5) 94
602 (3) 20-0365 DALWHINNIE 19 (B) (Ibex Racing Company) J Wharton 4-9-6 K Fallon 89
603 (6) 0004 COBLE 10 (B) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 3-9-7 . .. M Hills 92
604 (5) 6545000 CHARMING ADMIRAL 12 (Sheikh R Al Maktum) C Wall 4-9-7 . G Duffield 94
605 (1) 340-545 AZTEC FLYER 28 (B) (R Meredith) C Brittain 4-8-10 M Roberts 95
606 (2) 0504330 ACERBUS DULCIS 19 (G Hooker) M Chapman 6-7-10 .. S Carson (7) 94

Long handicap: Acerbus Dulcis 7-8

BETTING: 5-2 Dalwhinnie, 11-4 Coble, 9-2 Aztec Flyer, 5-1 Nordic Crest, 11-2 Charming Admiral, 12-1 Acerbus Dulcis.

1996: BOLD CLASSIC 3-9-2 Pat Eddery (9-4 fav) J Dunlop 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

NORDIC CREST 3¾l 3rd of 7 to Royal Castle in handicap at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm) penultimate start. DALWHINNIE 9l 5th of 6 to Debutante Days in handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good to soft). COBLE 24½l 4th of 8 to Melodica in maiden at Lingfield (1m 4f, good to firm). CHARMING ADMIRAL 36l 11th of 14 to Diego in handicap at Lingfield (1m 6f, good to firm). AZTEC FLYER about 10l 4th of 18 to Kinnescash in handicap at Leicester (1m 7f, good to soft) penultimate start. ACERBUS DULCIS 6l 3rd of 26 to Chris's Lad in lady riders handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: NORDIC CREST

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
B Hills	10	40	25.0	Pat Eddery	18	82	22.0
H Cecil	22	91	24.2	J Stack	7	36	19.4
G Lewis	5	21	23.8	W Ryan	22	128	17.2
J Wharton	3	13	23.1	Emma O'Gorman	5	30	16.7
J Eustace	6	31	19.4	M Hills	27	164	16.5
M Channon	8	42	19.0	M Roberts	19	115	16.5

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

2.00 Northern Fleet. 2.30 Final Pride. 3.00 Ifeee. 3.30 Derring Bridge. 4.00 Walking Tall. 4.30 Commanche Creek.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM · SIS

2.00 LINCOMB MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,966: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 0-66 BALLINA 6 (V) J O'Shea 5-11-3 .. Michael Brennan (3) —
2 0/P- BID FOR TOOLS 258 (B) A Hobbs 5-11-5 .. R Greene —
3 0- FAIR ATTRACTION 313 J Dufosse 5-11-5 Miss A Goschen (7) —
4 PP-3 RED NECK 13 P Bowen 5-11-5 .. R Johnson —
5 00-5 SOUTH WEST EXPRESS 23 D Wintle 5-11-5 .. W Marston 69
6 23-5 DISTANT STORM 6 B Llewellyn 4-11-2 .. A P McCoy 82
7 284- NORTHERN FLEET 13F Mrs A Perrett 4-11-2 .. R Dunwoody 94
8 323- TOPAGLOW 10F P Dalton 4-11-2 .. B Fenton 88
9 - CRUISING FREE L Montague Hall 5-11-0 .. D Morris —
10 60-8 HIDDEN FLOWER 13 (B) H Howe 8-11-0 .. B Powell —

8-11 Northern Fleet, 7-2 Topaglow, 8-1 Red Neck, Distant Storm, 16-1 others.

2.30 HUDDINGTON NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,840: 3m) (10)

1 4-13 BECK AND CALL 38 (D,F) Miss V Williams 8-11-4 N Williamson 91
2 42-P ARCTIC TRIUMPH 10F (G) M Bradstock 6-10-12 .. G Bradley 81
3 4-32 CYPRESS AVENUE 13 Mrs M Ward 5-10-12 .. A P McCoy 88
4 F2U- MYITSU 57P J Neville 8-10-12 .. J Culloty —
5 R-F STUDENT BENEFIT 25 (B) M R Bosley 7-10-12 .. L Lawrence —
6 3-33 GENERIUS 13 (V) S Mellor 4-10-8 .. A Thornton 95
7 22-0 MARBLE CITY 12 M Pitman 4-10-8 .. W Marston —
8 P-P0 BLAKEWAY 5 G Ham 10-10-7 .. Sophie Mitchell (5) —
9 2-11 FINAL PRIDE 8 (D,F,G,S) P Bowen 11-10-7 .. R Johnson —
10 5/4/ PEACHY BEACH 432 M Mason 7-10-7 .. Mr E Babington (7) —

2-1 Final Pride, 4-1 Cypress Avenue, Beck And Call, 5-1 Marble City, 7-1 others.

3.00 SHOULTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,365: 2m 7f 110yd) (4)

1 5-11 IFEEE 10 (CD,F,G,S) P Bowen 10-12-0 .. R Johnson 96
2 01-3 FIVELEIGH BUILDS 48 (F,G,S) Miss L Russell 10-11-13 A Thornton 88
3 115- DON DU CADRAN 54 (B,G,S) T Forster 8-10-10 .. A P McCoy 96
4 5-75 SMITH TOO 23 (BF,D,F,G) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-7 .. R Farrant 97

15-8 Don Du Cadran, 9-4 Ifeee, 3-1 Fivelegh Builds, 7-2 Smith Too.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Chamings, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; M Pipe, 38 from 137, 28.5%; D Nicholson, 21 from 79, 26.6%; M Sheppard, 3 from 14, 21.4%; T Thomson Jones, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: A McCoy, 35 winners from 137 rides, 25.5%; N Williamson, 23 from 129, 17.8%; R Johnson, 11 from 62, 17.7%; D Morris, 7 from 40, 17.5%; R Dunwoody, 32 from 213, 15.0%.

3.30 BREDON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,756: 3m) (7)

1 302- SHIKAREE 57 (V,C,F) M Pipe 6-12-0 .. Mr G Elliott (5) —
2 15P- WOTTASHAMBLES 12F (C,F) L Montague Hall 6-11-13 D Morris 86
3 3-11 DERRING BRIDGE 23 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Johnson 7-11-8 R Johnson 90
4 05-P KIPPANOUR 10 (B,G) P Chamings 5-10-9 .. A Thornton 89
5 1P-1 APACHEE FLOWER 10 (D,F,G,S) H Howe 7-10-8 .. A P McCoy 88
6 24-P SOLOMAN SPRINGS 6 (D,F) Mrs V Ward 7-10-0 .. N Williamson 86
7 13-3 FENIAN COURT 34 (F) J O'Shea 6-10-0 .. Michael Brennan (3) 81

2-1 Derring Bridge, 3-1 Apachee Flower, 4-1 Shikaree, 5-1 Wottashambles, 7-1 Fenian Court, 12-1 Kippanour, 16-1 Soloman Springs.

4.00 KINGTON NOVICES CHASE
(£3,030: 2m 4f 110yd) (17)

1 -321 DRUMMOND WARRIOR 13 (C,D,F,S) T Thomson Jones 8-11-4 A P McCoy 98
2 1-23 MYTHICAL APPROACH 28 (BF,D,G) D Nicholson 7-11-4 A Maguire 91
3 1-U0 ALPINE MIST 6 (V,F,G) J O'Shea 5-11-0 Michael Brennan (3) 94
4 21-U DIVINE CHANCE 25 (G,S) M Churches 9-10-12 Mr J Tizzard (7) —
5 F3-P FIRST CLASS 13 (F) G Alford 7-10-12 .. R Greene 81
6 011- FLEET CADET 55 (V,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-10-12 .. C Maude —
7 U-26 GOLDEN DRUM 38 (B,BF,S) T George 7-10-12 .. T J Murphy 88
8 P0F- GUTTERIDGE 125 P Evans 7-10-12 .. D Gallagher 88
9 23/F JOHNS THE BOY 10 (D,G,S) N Mason 11-10-12 .. R Guest —
10 1/1/ MY GUY 849P (F,G) M Sheppard 10-10-12 .. B Powell —
11 F-P0 PEGASUS BAY 13 (F) D Candlish 6-10-12 .. G Bradley —
12 22-2 SCUD MISSILE 10 (BF,D,F,G) J W Payne 6-10-12 A Thornton —
13 26-3 SIGMA WIRELESS 34 (D,F,G) T Forster 8-10-12 .. S Wynne 70
14 0-F0 THERELISOFATHENRY 13 (F,S) A Barrow 7-10-12 Mr O McPhail (7) —
15 614F VISION OF FREEDOM 10 (D,F,G) P Bowen 9-10-12 W Marston —
16 P2-3 WALKING TALL 45 (B,D,F) T McGovern 6-10-12 N Williamson —
17 -4P2 ITSGONNASHINE 8 P Bowen 8-10-7 .. R Johnson —

7-2 Drummond Warrior, 9-2 Mythical Approach, 5-1 Fleet Cadet, 7-1 Johns The Boy, 8-1 Scud Missile, Walking Tall, 12-1 Sigma Wireless, 14-1 others.

4.30 CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,075: 2m) (13)

1 342- COOLEY'S VALVE 82 (CD,F) Mrs S Williams 9-12-0 Mr R Thornton (3) 87
2 00-1 BAY FAIR 39 (G) M R Bosley 5-11-4 .. R Dunwoody 84
3 4-04 MUTAZZ 8 (B,D,F,G) W Hern 5-11-2 .. R Farrant 88
4 42-0 PERSIAN MYSTIC 13 (D,G) D Wintle 5-10-9 .. W Marston 88
5 6-16 COMMANCHE CREEK 13 (B,BF,CD,F) M Pipe 7-10-9 A P McCoy 97
6 51-F LUCY TUFTY 17F (BF,F,G) J Pearce 6-10-7 .. A Maguire 89
7 525- RAVEN'S ROOST 228 (BF,F) G E Jones 6-10-7 .. N Williamson 95
8 211/ PLATINUM EMPIRE 1077 (D,G) B Gee 7-10-4 .. Mr P Gee —
9 0-45 WOODSTOCK WANDERER 34 P Bowen 5-10-3 .. R Johnson —
10 084- TIOTAO 73 Mrs L Jewell 7-10-0 .. D Gallagher 85
11 4-5P DR DAVE 10 P Chamings 6-10-0 .. A Thornton —
12 1-F6 BRIGHT ECLIPSE 8 (V,D,F) J O'Shea 4-10-0 Michael Brennan (3) 80
13 0-60 GALLOPING GUNS 10 B Llewellyn 5-10-0 .. J Culloty —

4-1 Lucy Tufty, 5-1 Bay Fair, 6-1 Cooley's Valve, 7-1 Mutazz, Commanche Creek, 8-1 Raven's Roost, 10-1 Persian Mystic, 12-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Worcester: 2.00 Bid For Tools, Hidden Flower. 2.30 Student Benefit. 3.30 Shikaree. Yarmouth: 3.45 Mooshiner. 4.45 Aztec Flyer, Coble, Dalwhinnie.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES
Ascot, July 26

GUIDE TO THE PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Helissio	6-4	6-4	13-8	6-4
Singspiel	7-4	13-8	2-1	9-4
Pilsudski	4-1	7-2	7-2	4-1
Predappio	14-1	12-1	11-1	14-1
Kingfisher Mill	14-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Shantou	16-1	14-1	16-1	14-1
Swain	14-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
Strategic Choice	33-1	33-1	40-1	40-1

THE King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes has *been billed as a three-horse race between last year's Arc winner,* Helissio, this year's Dubai World Cup victor Singspiel, and Pilsudski, successful in the Eclipse earlier this month. Certainly the bookmakers have taken this view, offering 12-1 bar the trio. However, while all three hold strong claims, they are not unbeatable. Helissio could not be opposed if the ground turned to the soft side of good, but his two defeats last season came on fast ground, and he will be vulnerable if the ground remains good to firm.

Singspiel put up the best performance of his career when winning the ten-furlong Dubai World Cup on dirt in April, but although he has since won a slowly run Coronation Cup over a mile and a half, he may be at his best over the shorter trip. Pilsudski beat Singspiel in last year's Breeders' Cup Turf, and may well have won the Eclipse even if Bosra Sham had not encountered her well-documented traffic problems. On his penultimate start at Royal Ascot, he was beaten half-a-length by Predappio in the group two Hardwicke Stakes, and, even on 2lb better terms, may struggle to reverse the form.

Trained by John Oxx in Ireland last year, Predappio, who has run just eight times, is going from strength to strength. On his first run for Saeed bin Suroor, he was beaten half-a-length by Bosra Sham, staying on strongly over an inadequate ten furlongs, and confirmed the good impression created there with his Royal Ascot success. He has not been given the credit he deserves for those two runs, and, with top American jockey Gary Stevens again taking the ride, PREDAPPIO represents excellent each-way value at 14-1 with Coral and the Tote.

Crystal Hearted springs surprise

THE Derby form was turned upside down as Crystal Hearted sprang a surprise in the £30,000-added Tennent Caledonian Scottish Classic at Ayr yesterday. Sent off the 8-1 outsider of three for the group three contest, he showed plenty of spirit to win by a neck.

Tony McGlone had cleverly dictated the pace on the colt and kept something up his sleeve for the closing stages. Fahris, the 6-5 on favourite, mounted a strong challenge but was unable to muster the extra required to get past. Even Top had moved up menacingly on the far side, but did not appear to find a great deal and was three-quarters of a length further back in third.

Crystal Hearted finished twelfth, almost 30 lengths behind the sixth-placed Fahris in the Epsom classic. But Michael Poland, whose wife, Carolyn, owns the colt, said: "We've always had a lot of faith in this horse and we thought he had a good chance. He wasn't right in the Derby and came back after that and slept for a few days."

Crystal Hearted is now a possible runner in a group race over ten furlongs at Deauville next month.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ayr

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, RICO SUAVE (S Sanders, 5-2); 2, Marran (K Darley, 4-7 fav); 3, Tearaway (J Carroll, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Swaybus (4th). 4 ran. 4l, 4l, 8l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote £3.50. DF: £1.60. CSF £3.83.

2.45 (5f) 1, DELROB (A Mackay, 6-1); 2, The Wad (T Siddall, 8-1); 3, Seconds Away (T Williams, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Marjorie Rose, 13-2 Leading Princess, 7 L A Touch, 8 Featherstone Lane, Imp Express (4th), 14 Another Nightmare, Ready Teddy (5th), 20 Answers-To-Thomas (6th), Gommire, 100 Miss St Kats, 200 Lord Cornelious. 14 ran. NR: Sunday Mail Too. ½l, 2l, 1¾l, ½l, 1¾l. D Haydn Jones at Pontypridd. Tote: £8.10; £3.00, £2.80, £3.10. DF: £46.30. Trio: £439.30. CSF: £48.08. Tricast £440.33.

3.15 (6f) 1, TILER (J Weaver, 7-11). 2, Grey Kingdom (D Mernagh, 8-1); 3, Amron (P Fessey, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Double Oscar (5th), 6 Zuhair, 13-2 Westcourt Magic, 8 Natural Key, 10 Mytions Mistake (4th), 12 French Grit, Malila, 16 Just Visiting, 33 Pallium, 50 Babsy Babe (6th), 100 Six For Luck. 14 ran. Nk, ½l, 1l, hd, 1¾l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £6.10; £1.70, £2.30, £4.10. DF: £21.60. Trio: £171.60. CSF £61.60. Tricast: £629.87.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, CRYSTAL HEARTED (A McGlone, 8-1); 2, Fahris (R Hills, 5-6 fav); 3, Even Top (W Ryan, 11-8). 3 ran. Nk, ¾l. H Candy. Tote: £7.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £13.63.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, ESHTIAAL (R Hills, 1-7 fav); 2, Doubly Sharp (J Weaver, 7-1); 3, Ingleborough (J Carroll, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 40 No Problem Jac (5th), 100 The Vale (4th). 5 ran. 16l, 3½l, 1¾l, nk. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £1.50. CSF: £1.25.

4.45 (7f) 1, HI MUJTAHID (K Darley, 4-1); 2, High Spirits (T E Durcan, 7-4 fav); 3, Murron Wallace (A Mackay, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Beau Roberto (6th), 10 Paldosi, 11 Nawasha (5th), 12 Euroquest (4th), Tasiben. 8 ran. ¾l, 3l, 7l, nk. ½l. S Kettlewell at Middleham. Tote: £4.30; £1.60, £1.30, £2.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £11.01. Tricast: £38.75.

Placepot: £590.80. Quadpot: £21.90.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (1m 6f) 1, INDIGO DAWN (K M Chin, 5-2 fav); 2, Shy Paddy (M Roberts, 14-1); 3, Dashing Invader (F Norton, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 6 Arif (5th), 9 Kilnamartyra Girl, Tam O'Shanter, 12 Action Stations (4th), 20 Finestateiobern, 25 Charlie Bigtime, One Life To Live, 33 Cittern, El Nido, Sommersby, 50 Subtle Touch (6th). 14 ran. 1½l, 5l, 1¾l, 3½l, ½l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £3.20, £1.10. DF: £34.00. Trio: £30.90. CSF: £34.85. Tricast: £100.35.

3.00 (1m 3f) 1, PORTITE SOPHIE (C Lowther, 9-2); 2, Nicola's Princess (M Roberts, 4-1); 3, Tovarich (D Sweeney, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Esperto (4th), 7-2 Mowlaie (6th), 5 Commenan, 16 Modesto, 25 Dino's Mistral (5th), Tocco Jewel. 9 ran. ½l, 11l, 7l, 1¾l, 9l. M Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £5.90; £2.10, £2.40, £2.00. DF: £13.60. Trio: £122.40. CSF: £23.24.

3.30 (1m) 1, MYTHICAL (G Duffield, 3-1); 2, Kalimat (J Quinn, 11-8 fav); 3, Phoenix Princess (M Roberts, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Dazzling Stone, 8 Broctuna Gold (5th), 20 Agent, Major Mouse (4th), 50 Magazine Gap (6th). 8 ran. 2

CRICKET

Gatting holds up Warne to ensure spoils are shared

BY JOHN THICKNESSE

LORD'S (final day of three): Middlesex drew with the Australians

THE Australians came closer to beating Middlesex than seemed possible yesterday in conditions so much in favour of the bat at Lord's and the twin agents, yet again, were Shane Warne, their great wrist spinner, and Mark Taylor, through imaginative captaincy.

That Middlesex were 74 ahead with four wickets standing at the finish was misleading. When Keith Dutch was sixth out at 163, torpedoed by a grubber from Mark Waugh, their lead was only 36 with a possible 17 overs remaining.

Thankfully for their self-esteem, they were saved from further anxiety by Richard Johnson, who belted 27 off 28 balls and, with a resolute Keith Brown, lifted the score above the point where Taylor thought that the Australians retained any chance of winning.

About 3¼ hours earlier, Middlesex were apparently playing out a draw without coming under pressure. Then, with the score on 45, Warne was introduced for the sixteenth over.

Australia's declaration at 432 for seven, with Mark Waugh 142 not out, left Middlesex a deficit of 127 runs to clear, but, in the early stages, the ball ran kindly for Weekes and Pooley, the left-handed openers, and Middlesex appeared to be in little danger.

After Warne's first seven overs from the Nursery End, however, they were 71 for three, his own figures being three for 16. The pitch was true and possessed nothing extra in the way of pace, while, after two innings totalling 214 overs, the rough outside the right-handers' leg stump was no more than could be expected.

Warne's sparing use of the googly and flipper suggest that he may not be quite the bowler that he was in 1993, on his first tour of England, but he still has enough variety, not to mention control, to be a match-winner in most conditions. Yesterday was almost a case in point.

The main merit of his second ball to Weekes, which was overpitched, was that it was straight enough for the resultant drive to come back at him for a stinging catch. In his second over, though, Warne produced a stunner to bowl Pooley. Delivered over the wicket into the rough, it turned a foot and bowled him through the gate.

At 50 for two, Gatting made survival his priority, pushing forward to Warne whenever the chance offered. Ramprakash, though, was always looking to pull or sweep when appropriate and, at 71, undecided how to treat a leg break pitching middle stump, he edged it to the wicketkeeper.

In the next over, Shah was out leg-before off the front foot and Middlesex were 72 for four, but they appeared safe enough again when Gatting — looking to attack after taking 70 minutes over his first 16 runs — helped Brown to see Warne off at 151 for four, by when his figures were three for 55.

Perhaps Taylor thought that the game was up, perhaps he was foxing — in any case, at 156, he brought on the Waughs, who obliged by taking a wicket in each of their first overs. Three short of his second fifty of the match, Gatting was leg-before, pushing forward to Steve; in the next over, Dutch, on the back foot, had no defence to a ball from Mark that hardly left the ground.

Thanks to Johnson, the Australians made no further progress, but it was a good match for them overall. They will not be short of confidence at Headingley.

When the Australians batted on first thing in the morning, Middlesex did their best to frustrate Mark Waugh and Warne by bowling only 17 overs in 80 minutes to run-saving fields. However, after a tentative 50 minutes against Fraser and Bloomfield with the new ball, they put the time to good use, adding 81 through a late assault, particularly on Dutch, the off spinner, whose two overs cost him 24.

Jason Lewry, the Sussex left-arm pace bowler, has been given the all-clear to play after almost a year out through injury. Lewry, 26, had an operation for a stress fracture in his lower back in February. He may return against Denmark at Hove next week.

GRAHAM MORRIS

Brown is hit by a ball from Kasprowicz, the Australian fast bowler, at Lord's yesterday

Ali proves winning attraction

BY IVO TENNANT

TAUNTON (final day of three): Pakistan A beat Somerset by five wickets

PAKISTAN A achieved their initial first-class victory of their tour of England yesterday, requiring only 45 overs to make the 196 runs they needed to beat Somerset.

Some of their strokeplay was bewitching and there were few instances of indiscipline among their upper and middle-order batsmen. Ali Naqvi, who should play regularly at the highest level in the not-too-distant future, struck a classy 96 at almost a run a ball, failing to reach a deserved century only because of impetuosity that he had not shown thus far this summer. His innings was full of wristy flicks off his legs and drives that, for a wiry man, were powered to the boundary. He had struck 18 fours when, attempting another that would have brought up his hundred in style, he rashly drove Macgill, the Australian wrist spinner, to extra cover. It was quite unnecessary, for he was finding the gaps in the field with disdain.

The other innings that bespoke class was played by the captain, Muhammad Wasim, who added 64 in 11 overs with Ali. He did not think much of his dismissal, caught at the wicket off Macgill, but that probably had something to do with a concern that the match was slipping away from the Pakistanis. They were 175 for five at this point, still needing a further 56.

They achieved these runs without further loss through an unbeaten 47, including ten fours, by Rana Qayyum, who was given the necessary support by the voluble wicketkeeper, Javed Qadeer. Shine was spent by then. He had taken two wickets in the morning, knocking out Mujahid Jamshed's off stump with a beauty that swung away and having Farhan Adil caught driving too uppishly off his legs, but it was a hot day and there was nothing in the pitch for him or Jones, the Bristol rugby full back, who gained a wicket on his debut by bowling Saleem Elahi.

The Pakistanis appreciated the quick outfield. They struck 41 fours yesterday. Macgill is highly regarded in Australia, but he bowled too many loose balls here. He tried bowling round the wicket and did gain one of his two wickets in that manner, but he will not have impressed everybody that he is Mushtaq Ahmed's natural successor, should it come to that at the end of next season. It was an excellent match.

Resolute Brown personifies players' player

MICHAEL HENDERSON

Line and Length

Cricketers, by and large, are a decent lot. They work long hours for little money and spend much of their time waiting for the weather to clear or the traffic to shift. Few achieve glory. For many, the occasional mention in *The Times* or *The Daily Telegraph* — "Jones batted with commendable vigilance" — represents a significant triumph. It proves they exist.

If you were looking for the qualities that mark out the best type of cricketer — and there are plenty about, no matter what you might read from time to time — they would be candour, a strange compound of crabbiness and generosity, gallows humour and, where the press is concerned, considerable tolerance. In this mutually dependent world, the feckless and the self-interested are soon exposed.

Angus Fraser said the other day that when Mark Taylor made his career-prolonging hundred in the first Test at Edgbaston, the Middlesex dressing-room broke into applause. That is not so surprising. The Australian captain is a players' player, so they were really honouring one of their own.

There are players' players in every dressing-room, but, unlike Taylor, who has enjoyed a glittering life in Test cricket, they rarely make headlines. Agents don't come running. Sponsors forget their names. At times, they must feel invisible, but they turn up every day without complaint, get on with the job and take pleasure in their own accomplishments.

Keith Brown is one. He is 34 now, has been around since 1984 and has had to scrap for everything he has got. Yet if you look at the championship table, you will note that Middlesex are once again challenging. Their method has always been to play proper cricket, to bowl the other side out twice. That means playing five bowlers and getting their runs from the top six — five batsmen and a wicketkeeper. For the past six years, the stumper has been Brown and he has grown into the job to the point that his bowlers will not hear a word said against him.

Brown succeeded Paul Downton behind the stumps full-time in 1992, holding off a challenge from Paul Farbrace, whom Middlesex had recruited from Kent as a possible successor. Brown's runs confirmed his right to a place and he has become the best sort of pro — hard-boiled to be sure, yet a good and modest man. "You have to work out what is best for you," he says, matter-of-factly.

He first played in the championship year of 1985, but it was not until 1990, another championship season, that he became a regular pick. "Paul Downton got injured and they asked me if I would put the gloves on. I had kept before in the seconds and when Downton was away playing for England, but it was quite difficult keeping to bowlers like Emburey and Tufnell. I found more balls beating the bat than I was used to and it took a while to feel comfortable."

With experience came confidence. In his batting, too, he has found a way that works for him and he gives good value at No 6, often making runs when they are most needed. "I can't stroke the ball around like Ramprakash, but I know what is best for me. Normally you find that the wicketkeeper is an unorthodox batsman." To be fair, Brown is not that unorthodox. He gets stuck in, plays to the limit of his ability and doesn't make a gift of his wicket. No captain could want more.

In his early days, he turned to the likes of Graham Barlow and Clive Radley — "my hero" — in a dressing-room where punches have never been pulled and where namby-pambies have found little comfort. Now he finds himself a senior pro, having outlasted all except Mike Gatting.

"I am glad I chose cricket for my career, but it's not all fun and games. There is a lot of hard work and a lot of suffering for your family. Last month, we went to Cardiff, Bristol and Leeds and your family life is affected."

There are happy days along the way, of course, and Brown can reflect on the three championship trophies that he has helped Middlesex to win — three more than the captain of England is likely to know. As all eyes turn to Headingley and the fourth Test, it is a good time to remember those who also serve.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In general it is correct to lead low in your partner's suit when you hold three or more cards headed by an honour. I gave an exception a few weeks ago where there was a danger of a blockage. Another exception occurs when the length in the suit is likely to be held by dummy. This is an example, from this year's Spring Foursomes (the main British weekend event).

Dealer East — North-South game — IMPs

North: ♠A8732 ♥K4 ♦AKQ ♣K86

West: ♠10965 ♥93 ♦984 ♣Q932

East: ♠Q ♥QJ1075 ♦102 ♣AJ1074

South: ♠KJ4 ♥A862 ♦J7653 ♣5

S	W	N	E
—	—	—	2 H
Pass	Pass	Dble	3 C
3 D	Pass	3 H	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: queen of clubs.

Purists will shudder at East's antics. Two Hearts was a weak two, and the classical view is that once you have opened with a pre-empt you should then leave further action up to your partner. However, when Two Hearts went round to North, Brian Senior (East) took the opportunity to show his second suit. Just as well, as it led to our side winning the board. Over South's Three Diamonds North should just have bid 3NT. His probe with Three Hearts resulted in 3NT being played the wrong way up. (Four Spades is also a sound North-South contract.)

I was on lead from the West hand, and with a mere two points opposite a partner who was also weak, could see that something dramatic was required. As any club stopper was likely to be held on my left, I led the queen of clubs. The point of that was I might need to retain the lead for a further attack on dummy's clubs. It resulted in us taking the first five tricks. On this deal the nine of clubs would also have worked, but the queen is better in case declarer held the singleton ten or jack.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Najdorf remembered

Today I continue my homage to the Polish/Argentine grandmaster Miguel Najdorf, who died earlier this month at the age of 87. On his day, Najdorf was equal to the best, as witnessed by his wins against such titans of the chessboard as Bobby Fischer, Mikhail Tal, Mikhail Botvinnik, Tigran Petrosian and Paul Keres.

What Najdorf lacked was the support of a mighty state machine, which benefited the ranks of Soviet grandmasters he had to face in international competition. Today's game shows what Najdorf could achieve when he was inspired.

White: Miguel Najdorf
Black: Tigran Petrosian
Zurich 1953

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	d6
3	Nf3	g6
4	g3	Bg7
5	Bg2	0-0
6	0-0	Nc6
7	Nc3	Bg4
8	h3	Bxf3
9	Bxf3	Nd7
10	Bg2	Nxd4
11	Bxb7	Rb8
12	Bg2	c5
13	e3	Ne6
14	Qc2	a5
15	Bd2	Ne5
16	b3	Qd7
17	Kh2	Nc6
18	Rad1	Ned8
19	Be1	Kh8
20	Na4	Qc8
21	Bc3	Bxc3
22	Nxc2	Qf5
23	Qxf5	gxf5
24	Rd5	Ne6
25	Rxf5	Nb4
26	Rh5	Ng7
27	Rh4	Nf5
28	Rf4	e6
29	Rd1	Rb6
30	Na4	Rbb8
31	Be4	Ng7
32	Rxd6	Nxe2
33	Nxe2	

Black resigns

Diagram of final position

Mind Sports Olympiad

The first Mind Sports Olympiad, featuring over 30 different thinking sports will take place at the Festival Hall, London, from August 18 to 24. The chess section offers £10,000 in prizes and entrants include Britain's top ranked player Michael Adams as well as Matthew Sadler and Julian Hodgson. The most recent entries include grandmasters James Plaskett and Bogdan Lalic. Entry details on 0171-485 9146 or access website:

http://www.mindsports.co.uk/

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Law makes best of exile in Essex

Barney Spender on a talented Australian feeling left out of the touring team's set-up

For Stuart Law, this summer is a tantalising mix of pleasure and pain. On one hand, he is enjoying another profitable campaign with Essex; on the other, the proximity of the Australia touring team is a constant reminder that he might easily have been playing against England.

Unfortunately for Law, he was not selected for the party and has had to watch a string of failures by Michael Bevan and wonder. "It's a sign of Australia's strength I suppose that we have got about 14 guys who could step in," he said. "Look at Darren Berry. He came over here to see a mate and now he's in the squad. Nice holiday. I was more disappointed than surprised at being left out. I suppose I'm getting used to being a makeshift player."

The strength in depth of Australian cricket has restricted Law to a single Test, where he made an undefeated half-century against Sri Lanka. Otherwise, his performances on the international stage have been limited to one-day matches.

"It's always great to represent your country, but I seem to have been labelled a one-day specialist, which is pretty irritating because I reckon I have a lot to offer in the longer game," he said.

It must be especially irritating for a player who has performed consistently for Queensland over the past five years and captained them to their first Sheffield Shield triumph. In spite of his rejection, he remains in touch with the touring team. He visited them on the washed-out first day of the Lord's Test and sees the destiny of the Ashes as being all but decided.

"I was as sick as any Aussie can be when England won the one-dayers 3-0 and then the first Test, but it's going to be a real uphill battle for them now. Probably the only way they can win is to get the Aussies down to the pub the evening before each day's play and keep them there."

Law the batsman can be a combination of artist, technician and bully, a heady cocktail reflecting three influences — Greg Chappell, Martin Crowe and Vivian Richards. "I like to dominate, to attack from ball one. It's the Aussie way, but they are positive at Essex, too, which has made it easier for me."

Law made a considerable impression in his first year with the county last season. As a replacement for Mark Waugh, he made five championship centuries and helped Essex to the final of the NatWest Trophy, although he missed their humiliating defeat in the final after his call-up to the Australia side for a one-day series in Sri Lanka.

Law: overlooked

This season, he has taken hundreds off Durham and Derbyshire, but a recent newspaper article suggesting that Waugh would be back at Chelmsford next season has given him cause for concern.

"That's obviously up to the club," he said. "I replaced Mark and I don't think I have let anyone down. Maybe the journalist was just trying to brew up a storm in a teacup, but it certainly got me thinking. But my mind has been put at rest after chatting with Keith Fletcher [the coach] and Paul Prichard [the captain] through the last week and, so far as I'm concerned, I'm happy about where I'll be playing cricket next season."

If Essex did turn to Waugh again, a number of county secretaries would certainly be inquiring after his services. "I am a professional cricketer. I've got to play cricket and if it's not for my country then I have to sort myself out elsewhere. If another county wanted my services, then obviously I would have to consider it — but I would find it hard to leave Essex."

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series
Middlesex v Australians

LORD'S (final day of three): Middlesex drew with the Australians

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 305 (M W Gatting 85, M R Ramprakash 76, G D McGrath 4 for 61)

Second Innings

P N Weekes c and b Warne	28
J C Pooley b Warne	20
*M R Ramprakash c Healy b Warne	16
M W Gatting lbw b S R Waugh	47
O A Shah lbw b Kasprowicz	0
†K R Brown not out	48
K P Dutch b M E Waugh	4
R L Johnson not out	27
Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 2)	11
Total (6 wkts)	201

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-50, 3-71, 4-72, 5-156, 6-163

BOWLING: McGrath 11-3-37-0; Gillespie 13-6-32-0; Warne 16-4-55-3; Kasprowicz 6-1-10-1; M E Waugh 7-1-37-1; S R Waugh 5-2-13-1; Elliott 1-0-8-0.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

M T G Elliott st Brown b Dutch	83
*M A Taylor b Dutch	27
G S Blewett b Tufnell	40
M E Waugh not out	142
S R Waugh c Gatting b Johnson	57
R T Ponting c Shah b Tufnell	5
†I A Healy c Pooley b Bloomfield	16
S K Warne c Pooley b Dutch	39
Extras (b 2, lb 10, w 1, nb 10)	23
Total (7 wkts dec)	432

J N Gillespie, G D McGrath and M S Kasprowicz did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-154, 3-168, 4-271, 5-299, 6-341, 7-432.

BOWLING: Fraser 29-6-115-0; Bloomfield 17-1-57-1; Johnson 17-2-63-1; Tufnell 38-8-106-2; Dutch 15-3-79-3.

Umpires: A A Jones and A G T Whitehead.

Tour match
Somerset v Pakistan A

TAUNTON (final day of three): Pakistan A beat Somerset by five wickets

SOMERSET: First Innings 213 (S C Ecclestone 102)

Second Innings 244 (M N Lathwell 60)

PAKISTAN A: First Innings 227 (Saleem Elahi 70, Mujahid Jamshed 59, K J Shine 6 for 74)

Second Innings

Ali Naqvi c Jones b Macgill	96
Saleem Elahi b Jones	14
Mujahid Jamshed b Shine	5
Farhan Adil c Lathwell b Shine	9
*Mohammad Wasim c Sutton b Macgill	40
Rana Qayyum not out	47
†Javed Qadeer not out	13
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 4)	7
Total (5 wkts)	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-72, 3-100, 4-164, 5-175

BOWLING: Shine 20-5-57-2; Kerr 9-1-46-0; Macgill 19-3-74-2; Jones 3-1-18-1; Parsons 4-0-23-0. Bowler 0.5-0-11-0.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and P Adams.

ASIA CUP (50 overs): Colombo: Pakistan v India. Match abandoned (pl each).

RIGHT WINGERS
C'mon you blues
ITF starts July 28th.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

GRIMPEN
a. To climb
b. A bog
c. A POW camp

WULLEE
a. A wraith
b. A saint
c. A seafish

DIKETONE
a. Mechanical music pitch
b. A Spartan judge
c. A carbon compound

CHYLE
a. Bilious milk
b. The back of a hog
c. A mountain ridge

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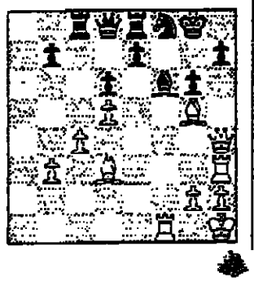
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Portisch - Reshevsky, Petropolis 1973. White has a powerful build-up on the kingside and Black has no counterplay whatsoever. How did White blast his way through?



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GOLF

Balance of power tilts towards United States

JOHN HOPKINS

Golf Correspondent

IT WOULD be stretching a point to say that the Open Championship that ended at Royal Troon on Sunday evening was one that will live on in the memory, worthy of comparison with Royal St George's in 1993 and St Andrews two years later. There was too much bad play on the last afternoon and perhaps the burden of expectation on so many of the game's best players was too cumbersome.

With so many of them seemingly at their best on the eve of the championship, the 126th Open could have been memorable with three, four or five of the leading names going hammer and tongs at one another on Sunday afternoon, as happened in the US Open a month earlier.

It turned out very differently. It was almost as if Tom Lehman, the defending champion, who had won so well at Loch Lomond the week before, Ernie Els, the victor in the US Open, and Colin Montgomerie, who had played so well for two months up to the Open, had all peaked too soon. At Troon, Greg Norman and Montgomerie, in particular, were shadows of the men they had been in previous weeks.

Only one man of the leading 18 after 54 holes managed a fourth round below 70. It was fitting that he was the winner, Justin Leonard, and that he did it spectacularly with a round that was six under par.

His 65, underpinned by a breathtaking display of putting, was a score that suggested that he went out and grabbed hold of the old claret jug as champions are supposed to do, yet many of those against whom he was competing were disappointing as the championship reached its conclusion. In the last round, Darren Clarke, Fred Couples, Jesper Parnevik, Tiger Woods, Peter Lonard, Tom Watson, Curtis Strange and Greg Norman all either equalled or exceeded their previous worst score in the championship.

The Open provided further confirmation that the balance of power in world golf is tilting towards the United States.

The emergence of Woods, the 21-year-old Masters champion, has given the game in the United States an unrivalled boost and the arrival of Leonard, 25, means that, in the past three months, the United States has produced two new winners of major championships who are under 30. As the US PGA Championship is, more often than not, won by Americans, it is likely that the fourth major of the year, which is at Winged Foot Golf Club in New York next month, will confirm this trend.

Justin Leonard has jumped six places to No 13 in the world rankings after his victory at Royal Troon. Tiger Woods remains top, ahead of Greg Norman, Ernie Els and Colin Montgomerie. Nick Faldo has dropped to No 14, his lowest for ten years.

Leonard's victory has also given the American Ryder Cup team a lift. He has jumped from tenth to third in the United States rankings, from the fringes to a certain place, and his presence in what otherwise looks like a competitively gauche team means a competitive experience, a level of skill and, most of all, a putting prowess that was not there before. No wonder Tom Kite, the United States captain, was so pleased to see Leonard win.

The Open also proved that the dangers of a carefully designed, 126-yard par three hole can be every bit as great as those of a back-breaking 220-yard monster. As it has in the previous six Opens at Troon, the Postage Stamp ensnared its share of competitors. Significantly, Leonard aimed for the heart of the green, took two putts and walked off with a three in each of his four rounds. Significantly, Woods did not, his six at this little fiend of a hole on the last day, when it was not particularly difficult, marked the end of his challenge in the event.

"He'll learn," Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient golf club said of Woods. "He is a magnificent golfer, but he tried to attack the course on the front nine holes in the first round and got into all sorts of trouble."

Patience is a virtue with which Woods is not yet familiar. It is hard for young men with prodigious talent to be cautious because, at that age, they have not learnt that there are some things unattainable even for them.

Jack Nicklaus found this on the 11th hole of the 1962 Open at Troon, his first Open, when he was 22. He took a ten then and finished 34th. Woods's six at the Postage Stamp on Sunday should be forever stamped in his memory. That and the seven at the 11th in the first round and the eight at the 10th in the second round were the holes that cost him dearly.

Barclay Howard, 44, who won the silver medal awarded to the leading amateur, experienced some post-Open mania when he returned home on Sunday night. Howard found the wave of congratulatory telephone calls was becoming unmanageable and unstoppable. The only thing he could do was to disconnect his telephone.

Yet that was only the half of it. When he reported for work at the John Letters factory outside Glasgow yesterday morning, he found that a copy of the silver medal had been pinned up in the office and any intentions he might have had of putting in a good day's work disappeared beneath yet another barrage of congratulations.

No doubt Leonard will have found the same thing happening to him the moment he reached home in Dallas after an early flight from Scotland. Leonard, who has been a professional since 1994, showed maturity and composure in victory and looks as though he has been booted and spurred for fame. Now, his world has been turned upside down. How well he copes with it will reveal whether or not he will become a great champion.

Montgomerie: forlorn

Woods: dejected

Crack shots make impression at Bisley

PETER TRIEVNOR

COMPETITORS had their sights set firmly on *The Times* Challenge Cup during a day of high-quality rifle shooting at Bisley yesterday. Dr Glyn Barnett, above, from Norfolk, one of 1,225 entrants shooting in perfect summer conditions, missed out on the trophy, but he lies in second place in the Bisley grand aggregate, the overall championship.

Of the 159 contenders for *The Times* trophy who hit the 3½in diameter bull's eye every time, eight fired all ten shots into the 1¾in diameter V-ring and will compete in a tie-break today. They include Andy Chown, of Lloyds Bank RC, who will captain the Great Britain team to defend the world long-range championship in South Africa in 1999, and David Dodds, from Rand Rifle Club, a member of the South Africa world championship team.

RUGBY LEAGUE: ST HELENS REFLECT IMPROVED EUROPEAN PERFORMANCES

Cunningham adds to portfolio

Cronulla Sharks 28
St Helens 12

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

A MONTH ago, St Helens suffered a 40-point hammering by Cronulla at Knowsley Road that was typical of many handed out by the Australians in the world club championship. St Helens were considerably better in the rematch at Shark Park yesterday, reflecting the general improvement in British performances in the competition.

Victories by Leeds Rhinos and Oldham Bears may have been quickly overtaken by defeats in the second phase of the competition, but not all those losses have been as crushingly one-sided as in the first phase and several Australian outfits have been stretched. Although Cronulla were deserved victors, the scoreline scarcely did justice to their spirited opponents.

It helped that St Helens were nearer to full strength and that Cronulla were missing several heavyweights from the first encounter. The Britons' defence was still threadbare at times and the Sharks gleefully fed off errors, but St Helens had the day's outstanding player in Keiron Cunningham, while Bobbie Goulding's accurate kicking pinned Cronulla back for long stretches.

Cunningham, the Great Britain hooker, scored a fine individual try in the first period and was only just prevented from adding another. He was a constant thorn in Cronulla's side from acting half back and certainly did his ambition to play in Australia no harm at all.

Goulding: fine kicking

Without Peachey, Rogers and Barnett, who helped to rout St Helens in the first game, Cronulla were nowhere near as convincing. However, their back line was never properly tethered and, as hard as St Helens worked to plug one hole, another would usually open up. At the back of the defence, Haigh was successfully pinpointed as a weak link in three of their five touchdowns.

The try by Newlove, in the 69th minute, after neat footwork and a nippy break — for a big forward — by Joynt, was part of a good, sustained finish by St Helens, which was only spoilt in added time by Ettingshausen's second try.

Yet excellent build-up play by St Helens was not always matched by the final pass and twice in the first half they paid for lapses in concentration. When three-against-one appeared to be a defendable situation, Bell escaped the clutches of Haigh and Hammond, cut inside and drove over Goulding. Haigh was again busy trying to put out one fire when another broke out, this time as Dykes kicked through a gap and touched down.

A penalty goal by Goulding reduced the arrears after half-time, but Donaghy found a yawning gap on the right for the next Cronulla try. When Haigh failed to regather a high kick by Green, the try by Ettingshausen off the resultant scrum was almost inevitable.

SCORERS: Cronulla: Tries: Ettingshausen (2), Bell, Dykes, Donaghy. Goals: Green (4). St Helens: Tries: Cunningham, Newlove. Goals: Goulding (2).

CRONULLA SHARKS: B Semmut, G Bell, A Ettingshausen, R Richardson, P Donaghy; A Dykes, P Green; M Lang, P Fisher, J Stevens, L Davidson, C McKenna, T Nikau. Substitutes: C Greenhill, W Forrester, B Howland, S Pierce.

ST HELENS: A Haigh; D Arnold, A Hunte, P Newlove, A Sullivan; S Long, R Goulding; J O'Neill, K Cunningham, A Leatham, C Joynt, V Maloufa, K Hammond. Substitutes: J Hayes, D McVey, C Morley, I Pickavance.

Referee: G Ammerdley

BOXING

Golota likely to be next test for Lewis

ANDREW GOLOTA is being lined up as the next opponent for Lennox Lewis, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion (Srikumar Sen writes). If the bout is finalised — and with both boxers sharing the same promoters it is almost certain to be — it will take place in Atlantic City on October 4.

Golota was one of the chosen opponents of HBO, the American cable television company that backs Lewis. The company knew that after the farce of Lewis's bout with Henry Akinwande nine days ago, they could be certain of a decent contest with Golota.

The challenger, who is a New Jersey-based Polish immigrant, is the roughest heavyweight in the division. He has been disqualified three times — once for biting Samson Po'uha and twice for hitting Riddick Bowe below the belt.

☐ Spencer Oliver is to defend his European super-bantamweight title against Michael Brodie later this year.

Edwards allays fitness fears

JONATHAN EDWARDS yesterday dismissed doubts that he will be fit enough to compete at the world athletics championships in Athens next month. A heel injury forced the triple jump world record-holder to miss two international meetings and the British trials for Athens nine days ago.

Edwards, who will compete in Budapest on Saturday in the last meeting before the world championships, said: "The injury is not causing me any major problem. My training has been going very well, but, as a precautionary measure, I missed a couple of meetings."

IN BRIEF

☐ **Swimming:** Great Britain have added five names to the team for the European championships in Seville next month after the ASA national championships. They are Ian Wilson, of City of Leeds, in the 1,500 metres freestyle, and four relay additions: Mark Stevens, of Newcastle Staffordshire, Glenn Hudson, of Portsmouth Northsea, Janine Belton, of City of Bradford, and Linda Hindmarsh, of City of Leeds.

☐ **Rugby union:** Neath yesterday completed their fourth overseas signing of the summer with the capture of John Hart, the Australian forward. He follows Tomasi Tamanivalu, of Fiji, and Thierry Devergie and Fabrice Landreau, of France, to the club.

☐ **Lacrosse:** England beat Wales 18-5 in the European championships in Stockholm yesterday.

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CRICKET

Tour match
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CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Pakistan A

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Chester-le-Street: Durham v Nottinghamshire; Pontypridd: Glamorgan v Hampshire

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Canterbury: Kent v Sussex; Uxbridge CC: Middlesex v Minor Counties. Bedford School: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Brockhampton: Herefordshire v Cheshire

FOOTBALL

kick-off 7.30 unless stated

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Carlisle United v Motherwell (7.45), Gillingham v Queens Park Rangers (7.45); Rotherham United v Barnsley (7.45); Scunthorpe United v Leicester City; West Bromwich Albion v Chelsea; Stoke City v Everton. Colchester United v Bolton Wanderers (7.45); Berwick Rangers v York City; Stranraer v St Mirren.

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Bradford v Wolverhampton (7.30). Amateur League: St Austell v Berwick (7.30).

TENNIS: Northern Electric International Open (in Jesmond); European under-16 championships (in Hatfield), county championships (in Eastbourne).

Lydon urges curb on imports

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JOE LYDON, the Rugby Football League technical director, yesterday called for a significant reduction in the number of overseas players in the English game. Lydon is heading a seven-man commission charged with examining all aspects of the domestic scene in the wake of heavy defeats suffered against Australasian clubs in the world club championship.

Lydon wants the overseas quota for Super League clubs cut from six to four from next season and reduced still further to three by 1999. He also recommends that clubs outside the top flight should be denied the use of overseas players altogether two years from now.

There are about 200 overseas players making a living in the English game and another influx is anticipated when the rival leagues in Australia come together, probably in time for next season. Lydon's principal argument is that the mercenaries are not only taking places that should be filled by emerging British talent, but are also a drain on limited resources.

"A reduction in the overseas quota on these lines would enable clubs to manage their finances better, but, more importantly, it would encourage the development of junior talent in this country," Lydon said. "We are looking at numerous issues, but this is a subject that recurs so many times. Along with salary capping, we see the overseas quota as the key priority and we'll be making our recommendation as a matter of urgency to the next meeting of the Rugby League Council."

Lydon and Neil Tunnicliffe, another member of the commission, are travelling to Australasia this week and will examine the rugby union set-up in New Zealand, paying particular attention to the Super 12 champions, Auckland Blues. They will also visit various sporting organisations in Australia, including the Canberra Institute of Sport.

Lydon will liaise with the international fixture planning committee to draw up a framework for future tours, in addition to finalising plans for the forthcoming Australia tour to England and the 1998 World Cup.

The former Wigan general manager will also watch British clubs in action in the last two rounds of the world club championship as he prepares a shortlist for the Great Britain coaching appointment.

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BOWLS

Brown inspires Scotland triumph

SCOTLAND recaptured the British Isles women's under-25 team championship at Portrush yesterday when they added a convincing victory over Wales to wins against England and Ireland (David Rhys Jones writes).

The Scots, who lose three of their skips next year, will find it difficult to replace the experience of Fiona Sykes, Heather Rankin and Kirsteen Reilly. Fortunately for them, Anne Brown, from Crooksmoss, will be available for one more series. An inspirational skip, she steered her quartet to wins of five, seven and 15 shots this year and has lost only one of her past 18 matches at this level.

It was a typically aggressive trail from Brown that conjured up a last-end six against Sam Smith yesterday to give her rink a 21-16 victory and boost the overall winning margin for Scotland to 86-64.

As expected, England, the defending champions, comfortably dispatched Ireland, 102-56, but the damage had been done earlier, when they had succumbed 90-66 to Scotland.

The junior singles final was won for Wales by Paula Summerfield, from Llandrindod Wells. Amy Gowshall, 18, from Grimsby, had clawed back bravely, showing character and skill, until she stood within four shots of victory before Summerfield placed her second bowl beside the jack on the 25th end to secure a 21-17 win.

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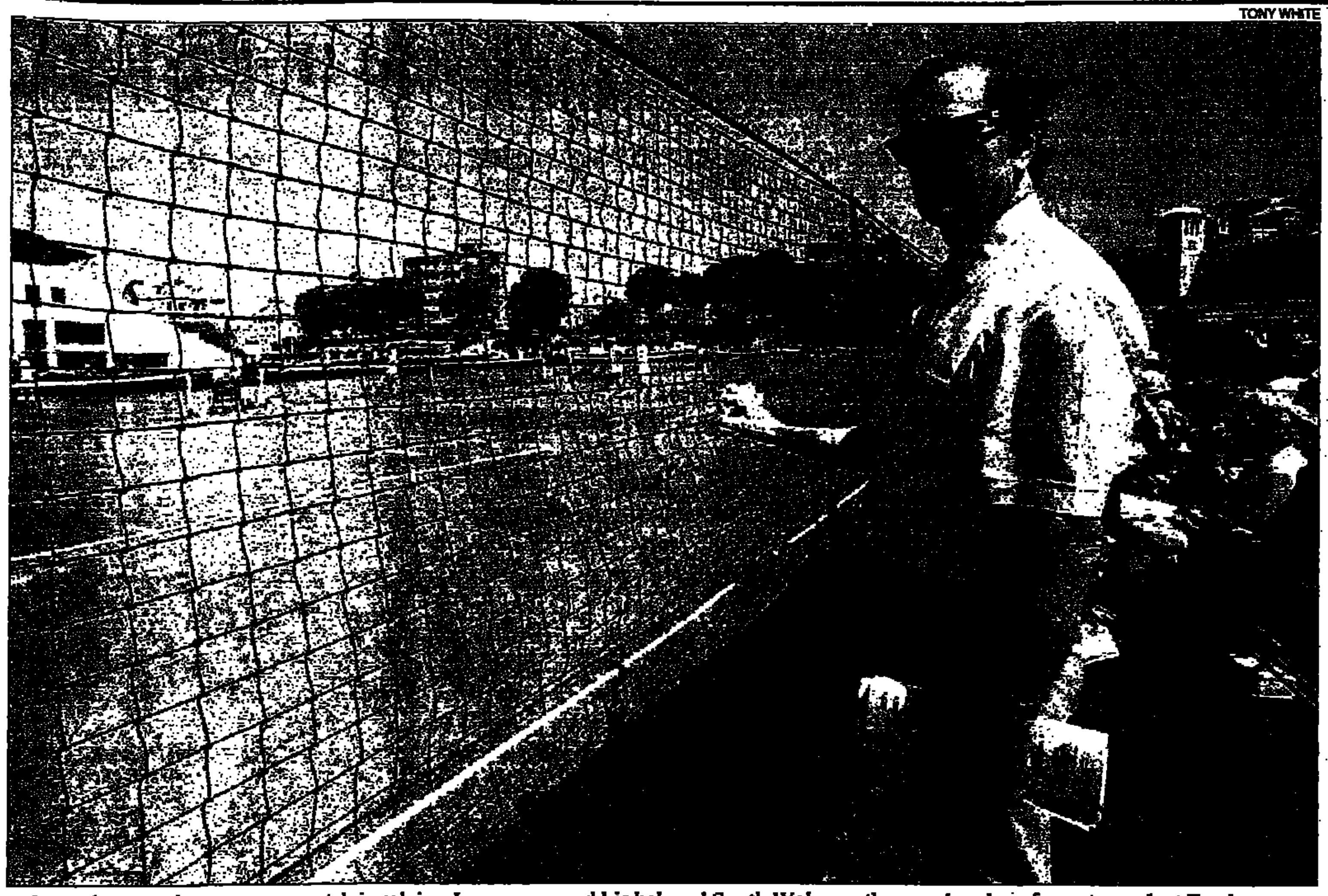

James keeps a close eye on a match involving Loosemore and his beloved South Wales on the opening day of county week at Eastbourne

Real value in survival of the week

JULIAN MUSCAT

At County Tennis Week

IF EASTBOURNE is renowned as the pre-Wimbledon roost for the leading ladies in the world, it conjures vastly different images for the stalwarts of county tennis. Despite audible obscenities, cries of anguish and a plethora of foot faults, the game was played yesterday much as it has been for more than 100 years. The Lawn Tennis Association Inter-County Cup Grass Court Championships — otherwise known as county week — is the highlight of the year for many true enthusiasts.

The absence of umpires, line-judges, ball-boys and any other trappings from the professional circuit means that the players play for nothing more than love. Disputes are minimal and quickly resolved — affording veterans the chance to advertise their experience to novice partners. "Welcome to county week," one said to a youngster momentarily affronted by a shocking call.

Of course, it is not all fun and games. Chris Wilkinson, a member of the Great Britain Davis Cup team that was victorious recently against Ukraine, is a loyal supporter of county week. The British No 4 comprises a strong entry from Hampshire and Isle Of Wight. He is here to "relax from the travelling, see old friends and have a few beers".

Wilkinson is also playing beautifully in tandem with his partner, Laurence Matthews. Matthews himself is over from Germany, where, like so many others in action this week, he works as a coach. Nick Weal, the British No 10, is also representing Hampshire and Isle Of Wight, who are favoured to triumph for the first time.

Indeed, there are a fair few baptisms taking place this week. The women of South Wales are playing at Eastbourne for the first time after winning promotion to group one last year. Eastbourne is one of 13 venues hosting this nationwide event and, while the Channel Islands, South of Scotland and the Isle Of Man dispute the wooden spoon in group seven at Cambridge, Eastbourne is where the County Cup is won and lost.

That explains the sense of pride that radiates from John James, the secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association, and is as entrenched in the soil of south Wales as one half of the Severn Bridge. James also has a deep affection for county week, having joined the LTA in 1973 with responsibilities towards the competition.

"I have been waiting for this day for 25 years," James, formerly resident in Llanelli, said yesterday. "I once captained South Wales juniors for a year, but this is really something."

Throughout the week, James, 60, will journey to County Cup venues at Purley (today), Cheltenham (tomorrow) and Beckenham (Thursday). It may be more than coincidence that James will be back at Eastbourne for the conclusion of the event on Friday. He was thrilled that South Wales started on a winning note yesterday, defeating Leicestershire by five rubbers to four.

Three of those five victories were gained by Julie Simkins and Sarah Loosemore, the latter of whom was Britain's youngest national champion in 1988. Loosemore quit the circuit five years ago to further her education, graduating from St Hilda's, Oxford, with a degree in psychology before studying law. Now in her second year as a trainee solicitor in London, she is still intrigued by how she might have fared had she continued playing full-time.

"I don't think I fulfilled my potential at tennis," Loosemore, 26, said. "At various times, I am tempted to return, but I think I'd need a push. Sometimes I think I should have gone to university later, but I made my decision. It is funny what becomes important when you stop and this week is probably the highlight of my year."

Competitive it may be, although vignettes never witnessed in the professional game are what make this week unique. When a thoroughly bemused Greg Whitecross, representing Buckinghamshire, took a fearful pasting from Wilkinson and his partner, he did what all beholden to his habit would do after a similar experience. He simply lay down by the side of the court and smoked a cigarette.

Henman and Rusedski retain their lofty status

TIM HENMAN, the British No 1, retained No 18 place in the ATP Tour rankings that were issued yesterday, four places below his highest ranking, with which he began the year. Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, is back to No 24, his previous best position, after slipping one place last week. Neither man is in action this week.

Pete Sampras retains the No 1 spot ahead of Michael Chang, the winner of the Washington Classic on Sunday. Chang took the Washington title for the second consecutive year, beating Petr Korda, of the Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

"This is a real good confidence-builder for me with the US Open just around the corner," Chang said. "In the past couple of months, I have been struggling. It's great to get off to a good start on hard courts. This was a good stepping stone for me last year and I hope it will be again this year."

Victory in 1996 began a 14-match winning streak for Chang that ended with defeat by Sampras in the final of the US Open. "This time I'm hoping to go one better," Chang said.

In Mahwah, New Jersey, Anna Kournikova, 16, from Russia, threw away a winning chance against Chandra Rubin, of the United States, in the A & P Women's Classic. Rubin won the third-set tie-break with the help of a double fault, winding up with a 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 victory.

"It was good to still be in the match after being down in every set," Rubin said. "I played more aggressively in the final two sets and hung in there, but she made a lot of errors. She tried too many risky shots."

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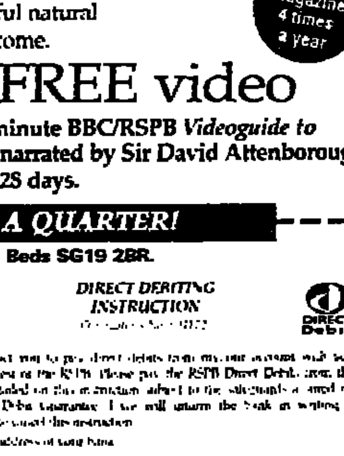

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1 East Altona v Knox City 1
2 E Brunswick v Glen Eira 1
3 Frankston P v Sell Park X
4 [illegible] v E Richmond X
5 Regent v Altona City 2
6 [illegible] C v [illegible] X

THIRD DIVISION
7 [illegible] v Chelsea X
8 Fitzroy v Pascoe Vale X
9 Geelong v Diamond V 1
10 Melbourne C v S S vale X
11 N Coburg v C bourne 2
12 Nunawading v Keilor 2
13 S Chelt v S Werribee 1

FOURTH DIVISION
14 Coro v Sandringham X
15 Lalor v Sunbury 1
16 L'warrin v Geelong R 1
17 Moreland v Montbulk 1
18 Seaford U v Clifton Hill 1
19 St ngton v K'boro 1
20 S Heights v W'town 1

FIFTH DIVISION
21 Brandon P v N S'shine X
22 Doveton v Ballarat 1
23 Knox Pk v Glenroy X
24 Lyndale U v Melton 1
25 Mitcham v S'vale C X
26 S Wantima v End'v'r 1

WESTERN AUSTRALIA PREMIER DIVISION
27 Dianella v Swan I C 1
28 Inglewood v Athena X
29 Kingsway v F'mantle C 2
30 Morley v Joondalup v V
31 Sorrento v Perth 1

FIRST DIVISION
32 Armadale P v B'dean X
33 Balcatta v North Lake 2
34 Balga v Perth City 2
35 Leeming v Cockburn 2
36 Southside v Ashfield 1
37 Stirling S v Queens Pk 2

SOUTH AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE
38 Adelaide R v B Eagles 1
39 C'm'l'n v Olymp X
40 Salisbury v W T Birkalla X
41 Woodville v Port Lion X

FIRST DIVISION
42 Adelaide C v Plympton X
43 C'bsland v Croydon 1
44 Enfield v Elizabeth 2
45 Modbury v Sealord X
46 Noarlunga v Para Hills 2
47 Port Pirie v W Adelaide 1

QUEENSLAND SECOND DIVISION
48 Greenbank v Brothers X
49 Jimboomba v Ipswich 1

TEN DRAWS: Frankston P, Ringwood C, Fitzroy, Melbourne C, Coro, Knox Pk, Inglewood, Armadale Pk, Adelaide City, Greenbank.

TEN HOMES: Geelong, Langwarrin, Seaford Utd, Sterrington, Sun Heights, S Wantima, Dianella, Adelaide R, Cumberland, Pt Pirie

SIX AWAYS: Altona City, Cranbourne, Keilor, Fremantle C, Perth City, Queens Park.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

GRIMPEN
(b) A bog or marshy area. Conan Doyle, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, 1902: "Life has become like that great Grimpen Mire, with little green patches everywhere into which one may sink, and with no guide to point the track." T. S. Eliot, *East Coker*, 1940: "In a dark wood in a bramble, on the edge of a Grimpen where is no secure foothold." Baring Gould, 1968: "As is well known, Watson's Great Grimpen Mire is Grimspound Bog to the North and West of Widecombe on the Moor."

WULLEE
(a) A Muslim saint. T. Hoare: "Hafeez: holy but in a less degree than a Wullee or saint." J. B. Fraser, *Travels*, 1840: "He had on his head a magnificent turban of cashmere shawl, somewhat inconsistent in a dervish, but saints and wullees are now-a-days privileged people. These Faqirs who attain to great sanctity are called Wullees."

DIKETONE
(a) Any compound in which there are two carbonyl groups -O-, and attached to two carbon atoms. *Nature*, 1946: "The glycol from butaldehyde gives mostly a keto-alcohol: further oxidation to the diketone being much more difficult. Butane 2-3 dione is the simplest a-diketone."

CHYLE
(b) White milky fluid formed by the action of the pancreatic juice and the bile on the chyme, and contained in the lymphatics of the intestines which are hence called lacteals. "There can never of crude chyle be made good blood in the liver." Transferred: "Digested and assimilated, so to speak, into the chyle of the mind."

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Tales of the riverbank

Wildlife on One
BBC1, 8.00pm

The otter may be, as Sir David Attenborough's commentary claims, our most beloved mammal but many of us will never see one. The programme explains why the otter, once so common that it was hunted as vermin, is now so rare. One of the reasons is man-made, the widespread use of toxic pesticides which killed so much wildlife in streams and rivers. Pesticides are no longer employed, yet still there are many areas of Britain which are otter-free. Years of research by a biologist, Hans Krunk, has suggested some of the answers. Central to the otter's existence is catching enough fish to eat. This can mean long and exhausting journeys. But an otter's life is a short one, and its reproduction rate is low. Perhaps, as Krunk says, it is a wonder the otter has survived at all.

The otter fights for survival (BBC1, 8pm)

Home Ground: Slim Chance
BBC2, 7.30pm

The latest regional documentary to be given national exposure features Sandra Williams from Barnstaple. Ever since she was a child she has been fat. Now, touching 50, she weighs in at nearly 21 stone, and has been told that her health is at risk. She goes on a medically supervised diet, where her meals consist of a sachet of powder mixed with water. Most such films end with the subject triumphantly displaying his or her new slim figure. Not this one. To begin with all goes well and the pounds come off. But estrangement from her daughter sparks an emotional breakdown and a return to the bingeing that caused the obesity. A medical expert warns of the severe dangers of being overweight but the Sandra Williams case demonstrates that the remedy is easier prescribed than followed.

Tool Stories
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The DIY series will continue to disappoint anybody hoping to pick up tips. The stories are the thing and the tools, and what to do with them, come a definite second. Which leaves George Herbert, the cheery south London builder who hosts the series, with little to do. Admittedly he is called in to advise Nicole and Peter, the couple from Cumbria we met last week, on how to plaster a ceiling. But this hardly adds up to a tutorial for the rest of us. Meanwhile Hayley and Stephen, the soon-to-be-weds, are laying another floor. Progress is fitful and tempers fray and, surprisingly, there is no George Herbert to help them out. The other featured couple, Donald and Paula from south London, have taken over a 100-year-old house in much need of repair. Their first task is to replace an awesomely large living room window.

True Stories: Lone Star Hate
Channel 4, 9.00pm

In 1993 a young man called Nicholas West was abducted, tortured and shot to death in the small Texas town of Tyler. West was killed because he was a homosexual and Paul Yule's documentary explores the wider significance of the incident in an area where gay bashing is commonplace, the religious right preaches that gays are contrary to the Bible's teachings and, as one of West's killers says, "using a gun is no different from making a cake". In view of all this it comes as a surprise to discover that two of the three men involved in the murder have been sentenced to death. Even against such unpromising odds, it seems, justice has managed to prevail. Yule talks to the two men in prison, follows the trial of the third man and builds up a detailed and appalling picture of hatred, bigotry and casual violence.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Prison Britain
Radio 4, 7.20pm

No preview tape was available of the first of the former Strangeways governor Brendan O'Friel's three programmes about the prison service. My guess is that it will take no more than a cursory glance at recent headlines to find ample clues about what we will bearing tonight and on the following two Tuesdays. O'Friel, who has just retired, has described his brief as an examination of penal policies from the mid-1960s, when he joined the prison service, to the present day. On paper, he and producer Kathleen Carragher have mustered an impressive company of experts to reinforce or challenge his views on what the penal priorities should be in the immediate and long-term future.

Just the Part
Radio 4, 2.30pm

When you've sung Mozart's Don Giovanni 235 times in 15 different productions, you've earned the right to be listened to with respect when asked what you have learnt about the great seducer. And, sure enough, the *Times* opera critic, Rodney Milnes extends this courtesy to the celebrated baritone Thomas Allen. Not that Milnes doesn't ask some searching questions. You can't offer soundbites when asked, for example, "But who *is* Don Giovanni?", or "How much of a death wish does he have?". The bonus for us, the listeners, is that not only do we see Mozart's monstrous exploiter of women in a new light but we are also able to hear Allen in some light-shedding extracts from the opera itself.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow from Morecambe **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Digital Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Claire Sturgess **1.00am** Charlie Jordan **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up To Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Kate Adie **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Carl Davis Classics **8.00** Nigel Ogden **9.00** Jazz Score **9.30** Comic Kids **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday News **2.00** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** Any Sporting Questions? With Pat Murphy and Fran Cotton at Knowsley Road on Merseyside **9.00** Strike Out **9.30** The 21st Century and How to Survive It **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra with Valerie Sanderson **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newshour **6.30** Europe **7.15** The World Today **7.30** India: A People Partitioned **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** What's News **8.45** The Lab **9.00** News in German **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Earth, Air, Fire And Water **9.30** Everywoman **10.00** Business **10.15** The World of Television **10.30** Literature File **10.45** Sport **11.30** On Screen **12.30pm** India: A People Partitioned **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Health Matters **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** Earth, Air, Fire And Water **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** One Planet **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Megamix **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Live **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Megamix **1.30** The Farming World **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Discovery **3.30** Meridian Live **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Rubinstein (Cello Sonta No 1 in D major, Opus 18) **8.00** Evening Concert. Verdi (Overture, Nabucco; Sacred Dances and Final Duet from Aida, arr Liszt); Monteverdi (Madrigal, The Lament of Arianna); Boccherini (Quintet for 2 Violins, Viola, 2 Cellos, Op 13/5) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Hildegard of Bingen (Columba Aspexit); Mozart (Piano Quartet in E flat, K493); Strauss (Verführung, Op 33 No 1); Gershwin (An American in Paris); Khachaturian (Sabre Dance, Gayaneh); Bach (Concerto in C for Two Harpsichords, BWV1062)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Mussorgsky (A Night on a Bare Mountain); Ravel (Don Quichotte à Dulcinée); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nicola Heywood Thomas. Rossini (Overture: William Tell) Beethoven (Piano Sonata in G, Op 31, No 1); Berlioz (La Captive); Bax (Symphony No 5); Sanz (Canarios); Brahms (Komm Herbei, Tod); Grieg (Piano Concerto in A minor)

12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: John Adams

1.00pm News; Summer Ensemble. Graham Scott, piano. Mozart (Piano Sonata in E flat, K282); Schoenberg (Three Pieces, Op 11), Debussy (La Terrasse des Audiences; Ondine; General Lavine — Eccentric, Preludes, Book 2), Liszt (Variations on a Theme of Bach, Weinen Klagen) (r)

2.00 BBC Proms 97. Last Saturday's concert featuring the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment (r)

3.55 Fibonacci Sequence. In the first of four concerts, the Fibonacci Sequence, under Kathron Sturrock, performs 20th-century chamber music. Includes Takemitsu (And Then I Knew 'Twas Wind); Jolivet (Serenade for Wind Quintet); Holloway (Serenade for Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn and String Quartet)

5.00 Music Machine. Sir Peter Maxwell-Davies explains how he uses numbers in compositions. Plus Verity Sharp discovers how a variety of music makers have used mathematical patterns in their works

5.15 In Tune. Humphrey Carpenter's guest is Gavin Henderson, the artistic director of the Dartington International Summer School. Includes Sibelius (Overture in E); Buxtehude (Herr, Wenn Ich nur Dich Hab); Liszt (Festklänge)

7.30 BBC Proms 97. Steven Isserlis, cello, and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaaki Otaka. Mendelssohn (Overture: Ruy Blas); Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor) **8.15** Bruckner Remembered. Stephen Johnson investigates the man behind the music, with recollections by Bruckner's friends and students (r) **8.35** Concert, part two. Bruckner (Symphony No 9 in D minor)

9.55 The Reith Lectures: The Pantomime of Race, by Professor Patricia J. Williams (2/5) (r)

10.25 Debussy at Dusk. Performed by Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, piano, Dawn Upshaw, soprano, and James Levine, piano (2/4)

10.45 Alexandrias. A repeat of John Theocharis's Sony Award-winning visit to the city of his birth (r)

11.30 Proms Composer of the Week: Beethoven (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. Features the John Critchinson-Art Themen Quartet at the Appleby Jazz Festival

1.00 Through the Night, with David Cornet. Includes **1.00** Schubert Old and New. North German Radio Symphony Orchestra, under Günther Wand performs Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished); Frankfurt Radio Orchestra, under Anton Webern performs Schubert, arr Webern (Six German Dances); North German Radio Symphony Orchestra, under Günther Wand performs Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great) **2.35** Les Chantres de la Chapelle, under Marcel Pérès. With Jean-Charles Ablitzer, organ. Includes music by Couperin and André Raison

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, includes Thought for the Day **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Edward Stourton. Telephone 0171-580 4444 with your questions for the guest of the day

10.00 News; Ready, Steady, Glasgow. The television chef Ainsley Harriott takes a tour of Glasgow and discovers a new wave of enthusiasm for traditional Scottish food

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray talks to the journalist Hala Jaber about her experiences with the Hezbollah

11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Alice Beer

12.25pm Wordly Wise. Panelists Joe Melia, Kevin Greening, Brian Sewell and Kay Stonham discuss word origins from slang to Shakespeare in the first of a new series **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Cold Call, by Colin Johnson. A hard-up would-be novelist tries to make money selling advertising space. With Alistair McGowan, Deborah Findlay, David Verrey and Alice Arnold

2.30 Just the Part, with *Times* critic Rodney Milnes. See Choice (2/6)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Sara Parker. Three sets of friends talk about the nature of their various relationships

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads a new biography of the jazz musician Louis Armstrong and reviews *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier, a first novel that is a bestseller in America

4.45 Short Story: The Body, by Rachel Bentham. Read by Hannah Gordon

5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Jon Sopel **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Wonderland Girls. The first of Marianne Carey's four-part comedy set in the world of life assurance. With Fiona Bell, Wendy Seager and Tom Smith (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Prison Britain. See Choice (1/3)

8.00 Science Now. A look at the latest scientific discoveries and developments with Peter Evans (r)

8.30 In Living Colour. Black and Asian perspectives on issues in the UK. With Trevor Phillips (3/6)

9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news and features for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Captain Corelli's Mandarin. Louis de Bernieres's epic tale, abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Robert Powell (12/15)

11.00 Mediumwave. A roundup of the week's media events with Vincent Hanna (r)

11.30 A History of Britain in Six Menus (FM). Leslie Forbes travels to the past in search of good food and finds a feast fit for King Arthur (2/6) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW). A roundup of the day's news from Westminster

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The White Boy Shuffle, by Paul Beatty. Read by Ray Shell (7/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast

1.00 As World Service

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Drama doesn't need dressing up, period

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

The recent public hand-wringing from the BBC over failed drama blockbusters such as the dismal *Rhodes* will, I hope, have consequences beyond the usual cleansing effects of confession. The lesson I hope the Corporation will learn is that, since all drama is by definition risky, why not take more risks with new drama and fewer with the costume variety?

If there were such a creature as a cultural bookie, he would certainly lay short odds on dramas taken from the classics, citing Jane Austen for proof. But Austen, and perhaps Hardy, *are the safest* of safe ground. Stray beyond it and you are taking big risks, not to mention spending big money: all those costumes, all those streets that need their 20th-century furniture removed.

Preston Front (BBC1) would not pretend to be *Pride and Prejudice* but if quality writing is the one key factor in determining television success then *Preston Front* has it in spades. Yet who would have predicted, when the first series came along, that something this quirky could have caught the public imagination and caught the eye of awards judges (two best comedy gongs).

So this is the least likely success since *Last of the Summer Wine* and it has some of that show's idiosyncracies. In particular the writing (by Tim Firth) has a literary quality usually absent from dramas featuring "ordinary" people. Yet the Lancashire lads *and lasses in Preston Front*, which is loosely based around a Territorial Army unit, produce deadpan humour of a high quality.

The central character is still Hodge, who is played by Colin Buchanan, an actor more familiar to television audiences since *Dalziel and Pascoe* than he was when *Preston Front* began. Hodge provides the core tension, surrounding the daughter he pretends is a god-daughter. But the strength of the series lies not in a particular actor or the story line, but in the ensemble performances. This cast has the feel of an old-style repertory company.

Whether that is deliberately *planned or just the* product of the way that Firth's writing never wastes a character is hard to say. What was evident last night, as before, is that Firth does not fall back on stereotype. Lloydy (Adrian Hood) is a good example: dim but good hearted, most writers would leave him at that. But Firth gives him dignity, and wit: "All I ever got to do was jump off a dressing table on to me mum and dad's bed ... and I only got to do that once."

In this first episode Hodge was playing the well-intentioned dad, with predictable results. Young Kirsty was not impressed, and Hodge was forced to a conclusion most fathers will recognise: "I'm not a dad. I'm just a bloke who says wow a lot." Well, it is a start.

If *Preston Front* is back in the best of form, what is one to make of **Tiger Bay** (BBC1)? I suppose the start of two new series on the same channel on the same night in July should be a cause for gratitude and celebration, a reason to send a note *round to John Birt saying how* much he deserves his pay rise. But I am not sure about *Tiger Bay*.

On the one hand, this must be an important series because it is accompanied by a press release whose cover contains a colour photograph, a sure sign that Auntie is pushing the boat out. And the programme is transmitted *at 8.30, the peakest of peak time.* But I recognise something from the past in *Tiger Bay* and any moment now it will come back to me.

Ah yes, I know: it is the 1980s. Go on, you remember. The decade when yuppies were all the rage, when the standard dramatic device for showing the division between them and us was for a have-not to nick a BMW from one of those dockland estates where all the yuppies have bought a warehouse converted to a bijou residence.

I suppose there are still yuppies buying BMWs *and converted* warehouses, but they seem a bit passé in terms of television drama. Tiger Bay is, of course, the docklands area of Cardiff, immortalised both in a film of the same name and as the home ground of Shirley Bassey. But when drama presumes to be contemporary, it needs to smack of this decade not *the last one.*

The characters? Too early to tell. The tabloid fuss will (and does) surround Jan Anderson as a 16-year-old girl having an affair with a man aged 40, but episode one took that no further than the bedroom. In fact it did not take anything anywhere much.

Much more interesting drama was to be found in a factual programme, an account of the Tate Gallery transmitted on the very day of its centenary. **Mr Tate's Gallery** (BBC2) covered a lot of ground in *50 minutes and managed to com*bine the serious history with the frippery of such controversies as the infamous pile of bricks. Happily the Tate (which has branches in Liverpool and St Ives) is not one of those institutions which can only claim to have a great future behind it, for in the millennium year its London base will be split in two, *thus giving modern art its own* home.

It has been quite a century: floods, war and controversy have ravaged the Tate, though none of these intruders has left any lasting wounds, least of all the controversy, which seems to me part and parcel of being a great gallery.

An actress asleep in a glass case *is not art to me*, but the programme showed that magnificent Turners were as ridiculed in their time as some modern work is now. It would be a listless gallery that preserved a single definition of art in formaldehyde, so to speak.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (20735)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (18803)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3253990)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (1684396)
9.50 Kilroy (T) (5356464)
10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (60193)
11.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (7774342)
11.05 Due South (r) (T) (5059434)
11.50 Good Neighbours (2864025)
12.00 News (T) and weather (8325735)
12.05pm Wipeout (r) (T) (6002483)
12.35 Neighbours (T) (8687342)
1.00 News (T) and weather (11990)
1.30 Regional News (T) (42262613)
1.40 Perry Mason: The Case of the Glass Coffin An old magician friend becomes the prime suspect in the murder of his assistant (3457551)
3.10 Quincy The coroner suspects a high-school gymnastics coach is guilty of foul play when one of his protégés dies in suspicious circumstances (9239464)
4.00 Popeye (7703006) **4.10** Rugrats (4112193) **4.35** Round the Twist (8807532) *5.00 Newsround* (T) (1870700) **5.10** Byker Grove (r) (T) (4468613)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (776629)
6.00 News *(T) and weather (667)*
6.30 Regional News (T) (919)
7.00 Summer Holiday The tropical island of Mauritius; a sea-front villa in Crete; on safari in Kenya and Oasis Forest, Britain's newest holiday village in the Lake District (T) (2984)
7.30 EastEnders (T) (803)
8.00 CHOICE **Wildlife on One: Otters — the Truth** David Attenborough *narrates a bleak study* exploring the truth about one of Britain's rarest mammals (T) (4532)
8.30 Keeping Up Appearances Social climbing comedy, starring Patricia Routledge (r) (T) (3667)
9.00 News (T) and weather (2919)
9.30 The Broker's Man: Siege Jimmy struggles to avert a major catastrophe when Dominic is kidnapped at gunpoint. Last in the drama series, with Kevin Whately (T) (658919) **WALES: 9.30** Referendum '97 (926822) **10.15-11.05** The Broker's Man (990667)
10.20 The X Files Scully investigates the murders of a string of doctors working at abortion clinics. Mulder's long-lost sister reappears claiming she's been sent to round up a gang of renegade aliens (1/2) (r) (T) (390975)
11.05 You Decide Should the Prince of Wales marry Camilla Parker Bowles and still be king? (837919)
11.55 The Serpent and the Rainbow (1987) FILM with Bill Pullman, Cathy Tyson and Michael Gough. Atmospheric chiller about a Harvard anthropologist's visit to Haiti in search of the toxic drug used by *voodoo priests to create zombies.* Directed by Wes Craven (T) (980498) **WALES: 11.55** The X Files (268025) **12.40am** FILM: The Serpent and the Rainbow (339656) *2.15* News (3648584)
1.30am Weather (2178217)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Pieter Bruegel and Popular Culture (7837464) **6.25** Writing and Publishing (7743071) **6.50** The Leathart Collection (6047025)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (6792280)
7.30 Teletubbies *(r) (7828938)* ***7.55*** *Bump* (7268919) **8.00** Noddy (r) (9780241) **8.10** Raccoons (r) (6855735) **8.35** Get Your Own Back (r) (T) (3256396) **9.05** Spiderman (r) (1670193) **9.30** Glad Rags (r) (14223)
10.00 The Moomins (r) (4417993) **10.25** Oakie Doke *(r) (7557025)* **10.40** Spider *(r)* (3115993) **10.45** Teletubbies (r) (653648) **11.15** The Record (8100822) **11.40** Moon Over Miami (r) (T) (9082358) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (86629)
1.00 A to Z of Food (25964483) **1.10** Beechgrove Garden — the First Season (77703321) **1.40** Blockbusters (59341716) **2.05** The Natural World (5574071) **3.00** News (r) (1887174) **3.05** Westminster with Nick Ross (T) *(6742938)* ***3.55*** *News (T) (2226464)*
4.00 The Hunters (1958) FILM Action adventure with Robert Mitchum and Robert Wagner. Directed by Dick Powell (97407445)
5.45 One Lump or Two (r) (222483) **6.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (799006) **6.25** Heartbreak High (T) (366209)

U2 raise money for Tibet (7.10pm)

7.10 The O Zone Behind the scenes at a benefit concert in New York featuring U2, Blur and Oasis (186938)
7.30 CHOICE **Home Ground: A Slim Chance** A 21-stone woman tries to lose weight. Doctor Nick Finer points out the dangers of obesity (T) (445)
8.00 Call My Bluff (r) (T) (2174) **WALES:** *Barbecue Bible* ***8.30*** *Homeland at the* Royal Welsh Show
8.30 Ainsley's Barbecue Bible (3/6) from South Africa's Cape Province where Ainsley cooks butternut squash; butterflied leg of lamb and parma ham bruschetta (T) (1209)
9.00 Reunion *(1993) Emotional drama with* FILM Marlo Thomas, Peter Strauss and Courtney Chase A grieving mother, whose dead son's spirit returns to comfort her, is further traumatised when the apparition begins to fade. Directed by Lee Grant (T) (4990)
10.28 Talking Tate (824087)
10.30 Newsnight (792939) **11.15** Scene (445716) **11.45** Poetry Backpack (648377) **11.55** Weather (802648) **12.00** Midnight Hour (99675)
12.30am Learning Zone: Deadly Quarrels (69946) **1.00** Finding a Balance (66410) ***1.30*** *Energy Through the Window* (89859) **2.00** Fun with Kids Collections 2 (83743) **4.00** Teaching and Learning with IT (32526) **4.30** Film Education (54675) ***5.00*** *Inside Europe (30507)* ***5.30*** *Film* Education (90304)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (3278416)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1678735)
9.55 Judge Judy (T) (4381464)
10.20 News (T) (8176261) **10.25** Regional News (T) (8175532)
10.30 Our Sons (1991) with Julie Andrews, FILM Ann-Margret and Hugh Grant. Contemporary drama about two women coming to terms with their sons' sexuality Directed by John Erman (94795984)
12.20pm Regional News (T) (8321919)
12.30 News (T) and weather (8786667)
12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (57564290) **12.55** Shortland Street (8761358) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (37466803) **1.50** Liz Earle's Lifestyle (T) (59358006) **2.20** Contract for *Murder (r) (T) (5651174)*
3.20 News (T) (1894464)
3.25 Regional News (T) (1885716)
3.30 The Riddlers *(r) (4100209)* ***3.40*** *Ozzie* the Owl (r)(1484532) **3.50** Zot the Dog (r) (1480716) **4.00** Scooby Doo (r) (7798174) **4.10** (7794358) (T) **4.20** Captain Star (T) **4.45** The Scoop (8725984)
5.10 Highway to Heaven (2/2) (1504667)
5.40 News (T) and weather (942735)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (786532)
6.25 HTV Weather (599613)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (777)
7.00 Emmerdale Kim finds Steve in the arms of another (T) (3280)
7.30 Take 3 *Last in the series of current affairs* report on issues affecting the region (241)
8.00 The Bill Loxton and McCann confiscate a *firearms fanatic's gun — and unwittingly* do him what turns out to be the favour of a lifetime (T) (6700)
8.30 The Paranormal World of Paul McKenna The hypnotist investigates how somebody can walk along a path of broken glass and not get hurt (T) (8735)

Baldwin and Basinger (9.00pm)

9.00 The Getaway (1994) with Alec Baldwin FILM and Kim Basinger. A jailed criminal asks *his wife to make a deal with a crime* kingpin to ensure his release. Directed by Roger Donaldson. Continues after the News (T) (4629)
10.00 News (T) and weather (74342)
10.30 Regional News (T) (412629)
10.40 The Getaway Conclusion (T) (1608396)
11.50 New York News Reilly exposes the truth about a media mogul's ploy for attention (713990)
12.45am Carnal Knowledge *(r) (110471)*
1.45 Late and Loud (1641507)
2.50 The Chart Show (r) (4743385)
3.40 International Motor Racing *(r) (T)* (8947897)
4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (22657675)
5.00 Heirloom (27033)
5.30 News (87830)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
10.30am Film: Home is Where the Hart Is (1994) A feature-length adventure for the jet-setting television crime-busters, starring Robert Wagner, Stephanie Powers and Lionel Stander. Directed by Peter Hunt (94795984)
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8761358)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1504667)
6.25-7.00 Central News (616716)
7.30-8.00 Blenheim Palace (241)
11.50 Highlander (445087)
12.50am Film: The Reluctant Agent (344588)
2.30 In Focus (6061255)
3.20 ITV at the Phoenix Festival (6797507)
4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 *(6751762)*
5.20 Asian Eye (9153588)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
10.30 Film: Home is Where the Hart Is *(1994). A feature-length adventure for the* jet-setting television crime-busters, starring Robert Wagner, Stephanie Powers and Lionel Stander. Directed by Peter Hunt (94795984)
12.55pm Home and Away (6163434)
1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (80858290)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1504667)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (81174)
7.30-8.00 Stately Homes (241)
11.50 Highlander (713990)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
10.30am Film: Kaleidoscope (94795984)
5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (1504667)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (735)
6.30-7.00 Summer Festivals (777)
7.30-8.00 Four Returns to India (241)
11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H (713990)
5.00am Freescreen (27033)

ANGLIA

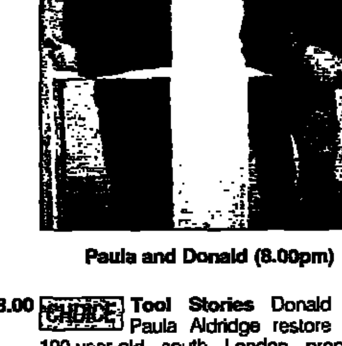
As HTV West except:
10.30 Film: Kaleidoscope *(1990) starring* Jaclyn Smith (94795984)
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (8761358)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street *(1504667)*
6.23 Anglia Weather (590342)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (616716)
7.30-8.00 Heirloom *(241)*
11.50 Charlie Grace (713990)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (13445) **7.00 The Bigger Breakfast** (38613) **9.00 Saved by the Bell: The New Class** (7215716) **9.35 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (2356377) **10.05 Hangin' with Mr Cooper** (6017777) **10.35 The Crystal Maze** (7000358) **11.35 The Bigger Breakfast** (7023071) **12.00 House to House** (77483) **12.30pm Ricki Lake** (65975) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (25940803) **1.15 Pingu** (25945358) **1.30 Jeu de Coudes** (29905551) **1.35 Film: *The Proud Rebel*** *(65790464)* ***3.30 Here's*** **One I Made Earlier** (193) **4.00 Bewitched** (700) **4.30 The Parish** (984) **5.00 5 Pump** (5100759) **5.15 Pwt a Parddu** (1955445) **5.30 Countdown** (464) **6.00 Newyddion** (300261) **6.05 Heno** (704938) **6.35 Jac yn y Bocs** (679803) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (807919) **7.25 O'r Ochr Draw** (360445) **8.00 Y Sioe Fawr** (4342) **8.30 Newyddion** (6377) **9.00 Rasus** (2071) **10.00 Brookside** (346822) **10.35 Frasier** (955483) **11.05 Tour De France** (796613) ***11.35 NYPD Blue*** *(730667)* ***12.30am*** **Northern Exposure** (48746)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (13445)
7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (38613) Incorporates **9.00** Saved by the Bell The New Class (r) (7215716) **9.35** The Secret World of Alex Mack (T) (2356377) **10.05** Hangin' with Mr Cooper (r) (T) (6017777) ***10.35*** *The Crystal Maze (r) (7000358)* **11.35** The Bigger Breakfast (7023071)
12.00 House to House (T) (77483) **12.30pm** My So-Called Life (r) (90551) **1.30** The Living Sea. The importance of the ocean to the world's eco-system (r) (59267700)
1.55 The Amorous Prawn (1962, b/w) Farce FILM with *Joan Greenwood, Cecil Parker, Ian* Carmichael, Robert Beatty and Dennis Price. An impoverished wife turns her Scottish Highland family home into a luxury hotel for Americans. Directed by Anthony Kimmins (49483209)
3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (T) (193) ***4.00*** *Bewitched (r) (T) (700)* **4.30** Countdown (T) (8728071) **4.55** Ricki Lake (r) (T) (2751754) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (464)
6.00 Space Cadets (T) (377)
6.30 Tour De France In Switzerland: 181km, Morzone to Fribourg (629)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (391280)
7.50 Countdown 2000 Tony Milburn of the International Association on Water Quality (T) (506938)



Paula and Donald (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Tool Stories** Donald and Paula Aldridge restore their 100-year-old south London property, currently divided into seven bedsits, back *to its former glory as a family home under* the watchful eye of builder George Herbert (2/6) (T) (4342)
8.30 Brookside (T) Jimmy discovers that dogs and babies do not mix, while Mick appears to be heading for big trouble with Jacqui (6377)
9.00 CHOICE **True Stories: Lone Star Hate** The growing intolerance to homosexuals in some Texan towns, focusing on the beating and subsequent death of Nicholas West in 1993 (T) (6358)
10.30 Trauma Life in the University of Pennsylvania's Trauma Bay (942919)
11.00 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out Comedy sketches (1/9) (r) (4254)
11.30 Gas Stand up comedy (3/8) (T) (423025)
12.05am Nightwatch *New, live phone-in show* about television programmes (6964217)
1.05 A Kind of Loving (1962, b/w) Alan Bates FILM and Julie Christie, star in this "angry young man" drama directed by John Schlesinger (616217)
3.05 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (4203052)
3.50 Music Hath Charms *(1935, b/w) A* FILM musical: a day in the life of bandleader Henry Hall (8653101)
5.05 Tour De France (r) (4276217)
5.35 Backdate (r) (T) (2617255)

CHANNEL 5

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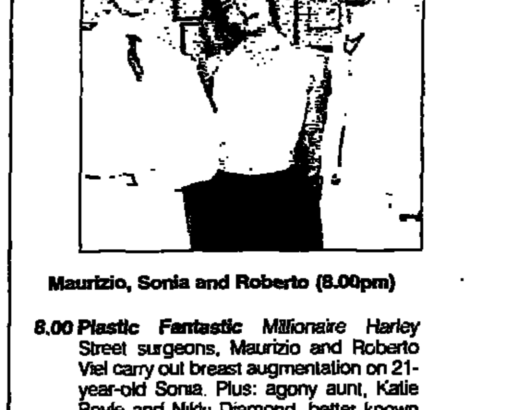
6.00am 5 News Early *(9232716)*
7.30 Havakazoo (7068803) **8.00** The Enid Blyton Adventure Series (7885700)
8.30 WideWorld A look at how Mozambique has tried to rebuild itself after the devastation of civil war (7884071)
9.00 Espresso (3658261) **10.00** Exclusive! (T) (5564071) **10.30** Hot Property (r) (T) (7977735)
11.00 Leeza (6519551) **11.50** Double Espresso (19377209) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7968087) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4532445)
1.00 5 News Update (T) (39566241) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8575532) **2.00** 5's Company (6555087)
3.30 Tarzan in Manhattan (1989) with Joe FILM Lara, Kim Crosby and Tony Curtis. Adventure about the Lord of the Jungle visiting New York to track down his chimp companion Cheetah. Directed by Michael *Schultz (1074532)*
5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (68698445)
5.30 100 Per Cent (7305025)
6.00 Move on Up *(T) (7302938)*
6.30 Family Affairs Duncan tells Jack that Pete has spilled the beans (T) (7386990)
7.00 Exclusive! *Julia Bradbury with the latest* entertainment news (6652629)
7.30 Close Encounters How people are helping to improve the dwindling population of barn owls (T) (7382174)



Maurizio, Sonia and Roberto (8.00pm)

8.00 Plastic Fantastic *Millionaire Harley* Street surgeons, Maurizio and Roberto Viel carry out breast augmentation on 21-year-old Sonia. Plus: agony aunt, Katie Boyle and Nikku Diamond, better known as *Gladiator* Scorpio, discuss their own operations (6661377)
8.30 5 News *(T) (6577984)*
9.00 Poltergeist: The Legacy Derek meets a woman who has experiences linking her to a number of strange deaths (T) (6103193)
9.50 Poltergeist: The Legacy Nick encounters a gory magician (T) (3201822)
10.45 Not the Jack Docherty Show with Rich Hall (1107667)
11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6559803)
12.30am Live and Dangerous *The guests* include Chris Eubank (85790236)
4.35 The Streets of San Francisco (1731507)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3573526)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (851551) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (83716) **10.00** Another World (79984) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (62648) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (45396) **1.00pm** Geraldo (21716) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (28716) **3.00** Jenny Jones (47280) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (33087) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5667) **6.00** Real TV (3623) **6.30** Married — with Children (2209) **7.00** The Simpsons (6396) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1193) **8.00** Speed! (2716) **8.30** Real TV UK (4551) **9.00** Dreamland (66803) **10.00** The Practice (69990) ***11.00*** *Star Trek: The Next* Generation (70613) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (51491) **1.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (8633526)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (6854713) **7.30** Superboy (5211700) **8.00** Renegade (2958919) **9.00** Police Rescue (2961483) **10.00** The New Untouchables (2868342) **11.00** In the Heat of the Night (6883919) **12.00** Hit Mix (9991588)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am An American Christmas Carol (1979) (39130919) **7.45 Time Trax** (1993) (428261) ***8.45 Running Brave*** *(1983)* (534754) **11.45 Iron Will** (1993) (514990) **1.45pm Breaking Away** (1979) (702613) **3.45 The Bellboy** (1960) (7760445) **5.00 Time Trax** (1993) (33880) **7.00 Iron Will** (1993) (72025) **9.00 Die Hard with a Vengeance** (1995) (96653613) **11.10 A Promise to Carolyn** (1996) (137087) **12.55 Desperate for Love** (1989) (990781) **2.30 It's Pat** (1994) (3241410) **3.50 The Shamrock Conspiracy** (1995) (27387675)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Sister Kenny (1946) (25984) **8.00 The Feminine Touch** (1941) (40938) **10.00 Jamboree** (1957) (35919) **12.00 The Sea Chase** (1955) (23261) **2.00pm *The Long Voyage Home*** *(1940) (95984)* **4.00 Moonbite Strikes Back** (1995) (5613) **6.00 My Uncle: The Alien** (1996) (91735) **7.30 Special Feature: Addicted to Love** (4803) ***8.00 The Almost Perfect Bank Robbery*** (1998) (73193) **10.00 Leaving Las Vegas** (1995) (733025) **11.55 Les Roseaux Sauvages** (1994) (845193) **1.50am Threesome** (1994) (157675) **3.25 Rage** (1972) (248472) **5.05 David and the Magic Pearl** (7653781)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Cast a Giant Shadow (1966) (44210867) **8.20 Beetlejuice** (1988) (62274358) **10.00 Hard Times** (1975) (8745209) **11.40 Harlem Nights** (1989) (8139629) **1.35am Zardoz** (1974) (3013897) **3.20-5.00 Unfaithfully Yours** (1948) (3251946)

TNT

9.00pm On the Town (1949) (87793990) **11.00 Adam's Rib** (1949) (77346735) **12.45am Mr Skeffington** (1944) (44812120) **3.00-5.00 On the Town** (1949) (85125679)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (6772025) **7.15** Get Fit for Football (8080464) **7.30** High 5 (91174) **8.00** Grand Prix Sailing (48218) **8.30** Racing News (98759) **9.00** Sports Centre (5082342) **9.15** Get Fit for Football *(1124667)* **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (56071) **10.00** Rugby League. London v Canberra (49735) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (98795) **12.30pm** Big Shots (53613) **1.30** Wild Spirits (39358) **2.00** Pool: World Championships (51218) **4.00** Mountain Biking Indoor Motor-X Trials (71281) **4.50** Sports Centre (4700716) **5.00** Wrestling (6551) **6.00** Sports Centre (492716) **6.15** Get Fit for Football (317071) **6.30** High 5 (4071) **7.00** Pro Beach Soccer (70323) **8.00** Gallagher's Ryder Cup (28667) **10.00** Sports Centre (575174) **10.15** Get Fit for Football (570629) ***10.30*** *Big Shots (93464)* **11.30** Pro Beach Soccer (23975) **12.30am** Sports Centre (5147946) **12.45** Get Fit for Football (5135101) **1.00** Gallagher's Ryder Cup (37033) **3.00** Sports Centre (60975746) **3.15-3.30** Get Fit for Football (61869033)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 *Tennis: Federation Cup — Czech* Republic v Holland (28897303) **2.00pm** World Motor Sports (48409667) **5.00** Equestrianism: American Airlines Connection (52794396) **6.00** Sports Unlimited (10094396) **7.00** Tennis Federation Cup — Czech Republic v Holland (46076445) **9.00** Boxing: Liles v Ballogou (87702646) **11.00-11.30** High 5 (60594358)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Athletics (59700) **9.00** Tour De France (77006) **11.00** Speedworld (95990) **12.00** Triathlon (37990) **1.00pm** Tour De France (53938) **2.00** Live Tour De France (21754) **4.00** Tennis (11025) **5.30** Rally (1174) **6.00** Truck Racing (33174) **7.00** *Weightlifting (20071)* **8.00** Boxing (19919) **9.00** Tour De France (12006) **11.00** Boule (16483) **12.00-12.30am** Trickshot (95897)

UK GOLD

7.00am Animal Magic (6390193) **7.35** Neighbours (5720071) **8.00** Crossroads (8847251) **8.25** EastEnders (7327803) **9.00** The Bill (4002700) **9.30** Shelley (8546613) ***10.00*** *Tellystack (1848919)* ***10.30*** *The* Sullivans (4008984) **11.00** Bergerac (49903280) **12.05pm** Crossroads (61420735) **12.30** Neighbours (8520829) **1.00** EastEnders (5361464) **1.35** Plaza Patrol (56513880) **2.05** A Little Bit of Dawson (98000938) **2.20** Take a Letter Miss Jones (64054700) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (3512957) **3.30** The Bill (9670700) ***4.00*** *Boon (1587087)* **5.00** Casualty (66833735) **6.05** EastEnders (8938532) **6.40** Brush Strokes (7816822) **7.20** Dr Who: The Brain of Morbius (5876700) **7.50** George and Mildred (3295367) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (8703735) **9.00** The Bill (1403071) **9.30** Casualty (82507782) **10.35 FILM: Carry on Don't Lose Your Head** (87592280) **12.15am FILM: On the Beat** (1835746) **2.00** Ken Dodd's World of Laughter (8520781) **2.45** Shopping (40477502)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (1021087) **7.00** Coronation St (4281241) **7.30** Families (6287826) **8.00** Surprise! Surprise! (4738445) **9.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (6575025) **10.00** Gentle Touch (4382390) ***11.00*** *London's* Burning (5715714) **12.00** Coronation St (4865006) **12.30pm** Families (7016367) **1.00** Two's Company (5631782) **1.30** The *Beautiful Home Show* (8486808) **2.00** Surprise! Surprise! (9767754) **3.00** Gentle Touch (5595006) **4.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5401613) **5.00** London's Burning (1479735) **6.00** Families (6350551) **6.30** Coronation St (6341803) **7.00** Gentle Touch (1235358) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (1244006) **9.00** Coronation St (5503025) **9.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters (6480223) ***10.00-11.00*** *London's Burning (1234629)*

Nicolas Cage in *Leaving Las Vegas* (Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (89984) **6.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (13803) **7.30** Little Mermaid (7010396) **7.55** Timon & Pumbaa (6970822) **8.10** Goof Troop (4350867) **9.00** Tale Spin (6569613) **9.25** Aladdin (6579396) **10.15** Mighty Ducks (3878667) **11.00** Boy Meets World (5017532) **11.25** Wonder Years (3590156) **11.50** Timon & Pumbaa (4386803) **12.05pm** Bonkers (1751071) **12.30** Microscopic Milton (38424822) **12.35** Big Garage (35768261) **12.50** Sing Me a Story (6824261) ***1.15*** *Amazing Animals* (53226025) **1.40** Wonderland (21532342) **2.05** Small Stories (85781483) **2.10** Lamb Chop (32431006) **2.40** Care Bears (7891890) **3.00** Little Mermaid (4755261) **3.25** Timon & Pumbaa (6154174) **3.40** Tale Spin (6256667) **4.30** Chooseday (1990) **5.00** Aladdin (4485803) **5.25** Timon & Pumbaa (5777087) **6.35** Mighty Ducks (677919) **6.00** Flash Forward (2483) **6.30** Boy Meets World (3735) **7.00** Thunder Alley (7822) **7.30 FILM: The Witching of Ben Wagner** (95833803) **9.05** Dave's World (822209) ***9.30-10.00*** *Golden Girls (96613)*

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Delfy & His Friends (5738261) **6.30** *Pinocchio (8976280)* ***7.00*** *Samurai Pizza* Cats (6794071) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (6886006) **8.00** Casper (8670445) **8.30** Power Rangers Zeo (8679716) **9.00** Masked Rider (8693396) **9.30** Beetleborgs (9619174) **10.00** Spiderman (6875990) **11.00** X Men (6798174) **11.30** Phantom 2040 (6799803) **12.00** The Tick (8673532) **12.30pm** Life with Louie (9613990) **1.00** Casper (6793342) **1.30** Eek! (9612261) **2.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (9477767) **2.30** Hero Turtles (5303735) **3.00** Casper (1909862) **3.30** Power Rangers Zeo (5308280) **4.00** Masked Rider (5394087) **4.30** Beetleborgs (5210071) **5.00** Spiderman (7204254) **6.00** X Men (5304464) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (5395716)

TCC

6.00am Enogoud (65358) **6.30** Dangermouse (86377) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (17735) **7.30** Where's Wally? (23342) **8.00** Batman (55822) **8.30** Art Attack (25087) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (81735) ***10.00*** *Gravedale High (77629)* ***10.30*** *Flash* Gordon (41629) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (33025) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (34754) **12.00** Gravedale High (65209) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (85551) **1.00** Batman (16006) **1.30** Dangermouse (84822) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (9380) **2.30** Flash Gordon (1700) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (5087) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (6445) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (8280) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (4464)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm**. Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Wubbulous World of Dr Seuss (47984) **6.30** Will Quack Quack/Little Bear Stories/Bananas in Pyjamas/Victor and Maria (72551) **7.00** Babar (10209) **7.30** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (99716) **8.00** Jumanji (28700) **8.30** Hey Arnold! (27071) **9.00** Rugrats (14551) **9.30** Rugrats (54613) **10.00** Doug (63803) **10.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (10735) **11.00** Rocko (88551) **11.30** Ren and Stimpy (89280) **12.00** Pete and Pete (98777) **12.30pm** Clarissa Explains it All (38629) **1.00** Alex Mack (20880) **1.30** Round the Twist (57700) **2.00** Bailey Kipper's Point of View (1006) **2.30** Littlest Pet Shop (3532) **3.00** Stickin' Around (7613) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (5377) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (1984) **4.30** Rugrats (3396) **5.00** Sister Sister (2358) **5.30** Sister Sister (4648) **6.00** Moesha (4261) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (2613)

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (4180532) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (8648025) **1.00** Madison (9345483) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (8647396) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (3648087) **2.30** Blast (9766551) **3.00** Byker Grove (2650822) **3.30** Hangtime (9778396) **4.00** California Dreams (9757803) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (9753087) **5.00** Sweet Valley High (2682687) **5.30** Ready or Not (9777667) **6.00** Hangtime (9767280) **6.30** Madison (9758532) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (2642803) ***7.30-8.00*** *California Dreams (9754716)*

BRAVO

8.00pm RoboCop (6272629) **9.00** LA Heat (6285193) ***10.00*** *Tour of Duty (6298280)* **11.00 FILM: The Premature Burial** (7607377) **1.00am** LA Heat (4018588) **2.00** Tour of Duty (5465965) **3.00 FILM: Wizards of the Demon Sword** (8660385) **5.00** Robocop (8507323)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (5822) **7.30** Family Ties (4025) **8.00** E UK (8342) **8.30** Wings (5367) **9.00** Cheers (75087) **9.30** Dr Katz (41193) **10.00** Nurses (48236) **10.30** It's Garry Shandling's Show (11464) **11.00** Club Class (70532) **11.30** The A-List (69087) **12.00** Soap (68743) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (52694) **1.00** Cheers (18410) **1.30** Dr Katz (31859) **2.00** E UK (38255) **2.30** Club Class (17762) **3.00** Nurses (84566) **3.30-4.00** Wings (57994)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Space Precinct (8073919) **9.00 FILM: Damien: Omen II** (8076006) **11.00 FILM: The Late Nancy Irving** (7475464) **12.20am** Making of Batman and Robin *(8122385)* ***12.30*** *Swamp Thing (4974410)* **1.00** Twilight Zone (8278694) **1.30** One Step Beyond (6375548) **2.00** Friday the 13th (9240385) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (4000342) **9.30** Garden Calendar (8640483) **10.00** Garden Club (1839261) **10.30** Craftwise (4102754) **11.00** Room for Improvement *(1594377)* **11.30** Graham Kerr (1595006) **12.00** Julia Child (4193006) **12.30pm** Hometime (8548071) **1.00** This Old House (9325629) **1.30** New Yankee Workshop (8547342) **2.00** The House (2644261) **2.30** Doing it Up (9779025) **3.00** Doing it Up (2663396) **3.30-4.00** Doing it Up (9678342)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Extremists (9760377) **4.30** Ambulance! (9759261) **5.00** Connections 2 by James Burke (2562613) **5.30** Jurassica (9677613) **6.00** Wild Things: Wild Dogs (8629990) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (2655377) **7.30** The Battle of Salamis: History's Turning Points (9750990) **8.00** Discover Magazine (6278803) **9.00** Solar Empire (6298667) **10.00** Heaven's Breath (6291754) **11.00** Sunday Drivers (9335006) **12.00** The Extremists (1791217) **12.30am** Ambulance! (9978965) ***1.00*** *The Battle of* the Salamis: History's Turning Points (4067236) **1.30-2.00** Connections 2 by James Burke (7584859)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Shock Troops (9135025) **5.00** The Danger Tree (6618174) **6.00** Ancient *Mysteries* (9610919) **7.00-8.00** Biography Richard Nixon (8984071)

CHALLENGE TV

Win with **Prize Time** twice an hour **5.05pm** Cross Wits (7545464) **5.50** Family Fortunes (685938) **6.30** Catchphrase (575648) **7.05** Winner Takes All (635754) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (413629) **8.20** All Clued Up (588667) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (723984) **9.35** Sale of the Century (618613) **10.10** Treasure Hunt (288209) **11.20** Studs (788209) **12.00** Winner Takes All (13217) **12.30am** Hart to Hart (30149) **1.30** Sweet Justice (90859) **2.30** African Skies (68052) **3.00** My Two Dads (36830) **3.30** Big Brother Jake (57304) **4.00** The Fall *Guy (33052)* ***5.00*** *Shopping (43878)*

UK LIVING

7.00am Tiny Living (36141803) **9.05** *A Woman Called Smith (4298464)* **9.15** Gordon Elliott (3516629) **10.05** Jerry Springer (3586193) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3751648) **11.50** Brookside (9417754) **12.25pm** Why Me? (70055464) **12.55** Tempest (4515396) **1.40** Rolonda (2955613) **2.30** The Agony Experience (5583735) **3.00** Live at Three (90077716) **4.05** Jerry Springer (6350803) **5.05** Lingo (57239822) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (5587551) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (7145700) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (2324209) **7.05** Hearts Afire (7578648) **7.35** Brookside (1145174) **8.05** Rolonda (9323071) **9.00 FILM: Bay Cove** (2386358) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files (9031342)

ZEE TV

7.00am Live Asia Cup Cricket (26123629) **4.00pm** ZEE Zone Presents (36555396) **4.05** Mr Mintoo (58148280) **4.35** Mast Mast Hai Zindagi (53478174) **5.00** Zone Time (91416006) **5.25** Zimbo (92006777) **6.00** Bhangra Bonanza (82654700) **6.25** Ek Nazar (65470735) **6.30** ZEE and You (38844321) **7.00** Aap Ki Farmaish *(89382716)* **7.30** Chalo Cinema (32444385) **8.00** News and Eurorews (52486261) **8.35** Daraar (37753993) **9.05** Jaal (60961990) **9.30** Ikke Pe Ikka (24486358) **10.00** Tara (40336754) **10.45** Sa Re Ga Ma (92922957) **11.35-12.00** Hi Zindagi Bye Zindagi (99614716)

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Newcastle move for Ostenstad

Ferdinand gets cold shoulder from Dalglish

By David Maddock

NEVER is the plot thicker than in a football transfer. Les Ferdinand, it seems, is about to leave Newcastle United, but not, as was first thought, at his behest. Over the weekend, the consensus was that the England forward wanted to sever his links with St James' Park, but that the club was opposed to the idea.

The events of yesterday, however, have turned that theory on its head. Ferdinand spoke passionately of his desire to continue in the North East, but Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, signalled his willingness to mark the way to the exit by attempting to sign a replacement.

David Jones, the Southampton manager, confirmed that his club had received an offer of £4 million from Dalglish for Egil Ostenstad, the Norway centre forward. Ostenstad, 25, cost Southampton £900,000 only a year ago, but apparently it was an offer the South Coast club could afford to turn down.

"We don't need to sell players," Jones said. "My understanding of the situation is that in talks with the [Southampton] chairman, Rupert Lowe, Newcastle offered £4 million, but these days for a striker of his quality, you would expect to pay between £7 million to £10 million and there is no way we will let him go for less than the ideal fee."

Clearly, Dalglish is willing to sell Ferdinand, 30, given his pursuit of Ostenstad, and there is no shortage of suitors. Tottenham Hotspur, the player's preferred destination, have bid £5 million, a figure close to that offered by Sheffield Wednesday, but Everton have topped both. Sources at Goodison Park indicated yesterday that they will stretch to the £6 million asking price, such is the desperate nature of their search for a forward.

If Ferdinand is keen to move, it was not instantly apparent yesterday. He denied reports attributed to him at the weekend suggesting he wanted to leave and instead offered a contented picture of life at Newcastle.

"Everything has been blown out of proportion, but I would love to stay here," he said. "Don't forget Alan Shearer and myself formed the most successful partnership in the Premiership last season, so why would I want to walk away from that?"

Ferdinand even suggested that there was no significance in the fact that he threw his shirt to supporters after a pre-season match at the weekend, but the feeling remains that the forward will be on the move, especially given an apparent frostiness between him and Dalglish.

It could happen swiftly. Dalglish will return to Southampton with an improved offer of £5 million for Ostenstad and Tottenham are likely to be successful at the same price, even though their bid has been topped, if only because if Ferdinand must move, then he will insist on the destination being London.

That will leave Everton still searching for a forward, but the salvation could yet be a player they have already rejected. Fabrizio Ravanelli will return to Middlesbrough for training today, after a two-week hiatus when he refused to report to the club, and that could inspire renewed activity on Everton's part.

The Merseyside club could not agree terms with the Italy forward, but Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, suggested that that may be a temporary state of affairs. "If Ravanelli does not go to Everton and no one else comes in with the money, then he will stay here," he said. "The Everton deal could still happen, but if not then I need to find his feelings about this club because I'm not prepared to accept anything but a positive attitude from all my players this season."

Everton suffered further disappointment in the transfer market yesterday when they were beaten to the signature of Ciriaco Sforza, the Switzerland captain, by his former club, Kaiserslautern. Sforza, 27, a midfield player, joined the German club from Internazionale for a fee of DM6.5 million (about £2.2 million) on a four-year contract.

David Hopkin, the Crystal Palace midfield player will complete a £3 million transfer to Leeds United today. Palace, for their part, will hope to complete the signing of Attilio Lombardo, 31, from Juventus. The Italy winger was expected in London yesterday, but his arrival was delayed and he will enter talks when he arrives this morning.

Mike Newell has signed a two-year contract with Aberdeen after agreeing a move from Birmingham City and Southampton will pay £2 million to bring Paul Jones, a goalkeeper, and Lee Todd, a defender, to The Dell from Stockport County.

Lee Nogan, the Wales and Reading striker, has been bought by Grimsby Town as a replacement for Clive Mendonca. The fee is likely to be decided by a transfer tribunal.

Ostenstad: transfer target

NEAL SIMPSON

Cork takes a well-earned drinks break during his innings of 55 for Derbyshire second XI against Yorkshire at Belper Meadows yesterday

Buoyant Cork bobs back to surface

By Richard Hobson

FOR a man who has reserved his greatest deeds for Test match grounds, Dominic Cork could hardly have chosen a humbler fixture or setting to begin his return to the sport that he once threatened to dominate.

Perhaps 100 spectators were at Belper Meadows Cricket Club yesterday to see Derbyshire play Yorkshire in the Aon Risk Trophy, the limited-overs competition for second XIs. Few arrived expecting to see Cork, but, by the end of the day, they could have been in no doubt about his enduring star quality.

There were no scorecards and no tannoy announcements. The opening batsman referred to as No 1 on the scoreboard might have been any youngster beginning to make his way in the game.

Beneath the helmet, however, were clues of pedigree. Nimble running, at least until the run out of his partner, suggested an intimacy with the demands of one-day cricket. A forcing stroke off the back foot and a searing straight drive revealed impeccable timing. When he misread the spin of Michael Vaughan after scoring 55 in 101 minutes, he remained briefly in his studious forward defensive pose, as if astonished by his own fallibility.

Later, when Yorkshire replied, he effectively decided the match in his side's favour with a spell of five overs that brought four wickets for 16 runs.

Cork, 25, was playing a month after an operation on the groin injury that had troubled him since he pulled up against Kent in his only county championship game of the season in April. He has bowled in the nets and intends to play as an all-rounder in the Axa Life League game against Glamorgan on Sunday. The NatWest Trophy quarter-final against Sussex two days later presents an opportunity to begin his quest to earn a place on the England tour of the West Indies next January.

Injury has not kept him out of the infighting at Derbyshire. By implication, he was one of the senior players castigated by Dean Jones on the Australian's resignation as captain. If Kim Barnett wins his appeal against the £1,500 fine imposed by the club for airing his views on the controversy, Cork, too, may reveal his thoughts.

During his time away, he has pondered the mistakes that might have brought a temporary halt to his England career even had he stayed fit. "It is not hard to look at the way my life has developed and realise there are things I should not have done. There has been a lot of pressure and stress around me, but I think I am through it," Cork said.

The breakdown of his marriage prompted him to pull out of the tour to Zimbabwe last winter. "With hindsight, maybe I should have taken the whole winter to sort things out," he said.

The tour to New Zealand that followed Zimbabwe was the nadir of his Test career, a humbling contrast to his first series against the West Indies, when he returned the best bowling figures by an England player on debut at Lord's and performed the hat-trick at Old Trafford. Yet by hitting the runs that clinched the series in Christchurch, he showed that his star quality had not faded altogether.

"That moment is featured on a "feel-good" videotape compiled by David Lloyd, the England coach, as a motivational tool. Cork said: "It is important to remember that although I have struggled lately, an awful lot in my career has gone better than anybody could have predicted, including myself."

He sent a fax to the England team after their success against Australia at Edgbaston. "I have grown up in cricket terms with a lot of those players," he said. "I still tingled inside when Nasser [Hussain] scored his double-century even though I was frustrated not to have been involved. I have stayed away from the Tests only because I do not want people to think I am hanging around. I would rather be back there fit and playing."

Warne held up 44
Line and Length 44

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 1152

ACROSS
1 (Body) taken apart (11)
8 High-pitched alarm sound (5)
9 Mogadishu its capital (7)
10 Four legs were (*Animal Farm*) (4)
11 Flute, oboe, etc (8)
13 (Wood) jointed; wearing 4's hat (6)
14 Tooth decay (6)
17 One-sided; resistance fighter (8)
19 Depressed; grassland (4)
22 Dishevelled (7)
23 Edible bulb; Russian dome (5)
24 In madly happy) way (11)

DOWN
1 Remove trousers (as joke) (5)
2 Walk faster (4,3)
3 Catch sight of (4)
4 Diagonal-path piece (6)
5 Curative (8)
6 Indian city; sounds like *cooked meat shop* (5)
7 Dr Who time-machine (6)
12 Mild epilepsy (5,3)
13 Clears away (spillage, last resisters) (4,2)
15 Tusks; piano keys (*slang*) (7)
16 Lose momentum (6)
18 On slope; smoothed (5)
20 Fr. city; sailor's girl (5)
21 Performance by one person (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1151
ACROSS: 1 Banns 4 Quarrel 8 Consonant 9 Fag 10 Net 11 Stage left 12 Piper 13 Happy 16 Grand Tour 18 Ass 20 Ado 21 Agreeable 22 Turnkey 23 Doyen
DOWN: 1 Bacon 2 Non-stop 3 Sponsored walk 4 Quasar 5 At the sharp end 6 Rifle 7 Lightly 12 Pageant 14 Playboy 15 Hooray 17 Amour 19 Skein

Cotton prepares for pivotal new role

By Mark Souster

FRAN COTTON confirmed yesterday that he will have a pivotal new role to play in the development of rugby union in England and — he hopes — in Britain and Ireland into the next century. He envisages an overhaul of the structure of the game in England, but, of greater importance is, he believes, the need to develop a common playing strategy within the four home unions to counter the dominance of the southern hemisphere on the field and in the corridors of power.

Details and the terms of reference of his new high-profile position as part of the Rugby Football Union's management board, on to which he was co-opted last Friday, will not be finalised until the board meets on July 31, but Cotton intends to build on the success of the British Isles' tour to South Africa.

"There are so many things that need to be addressed, but the first priority is to make sure that the four home unions have got that common strategy. That is a huge statement, I know, a mission statement if you like, but we must make sure that European rugby is stronger than the southern hemisphere.

"Playing power leads to political power. The Southern hemisphere has had the ascendancy in that sphere for too long and that is not a good thing: they have tended to lead us by the nose. They see rugby league as their threat and have moved to change the game to combat that. Rugby league is not a threat to us, we have a far better game, which we don't want to turn into some version of rugby league as we have seen with the Super 12, which is very worrying. We need at least an equal footing with the other countries to make sure the game is directed in the right way."

Cotton: on mission

The revolution at Twickenham instigated by Cliff Brittle is expected to claim Tony Hallet as its next victim after the resignation of Colin Herridge as chairman of finance. Hallett, the acting chief executive, is on holiday in the United States, but his supporters concede his position is weak and believe that even if the inquiry by Judge Butler vindicates him — as they are confident it will — the pressure on him to resign will be irresistible.

Harlequins will demand a transfer fee in excess of £250,000 if Jason Leonard, the captain and England international, moves to Saracens. Leonard has been made an offer "he cannot refuse" and has asked to be released.

Lighting-up time at Old Trafford

Barney Spender assesses Lancashire's experiment with day-night cricket

PETER HARTLEY, the Yorkshire seam bowler, has not had too many opportunities to make history during his 15-year career. True, he did take five wickets in nine balls against Derbyshire two years ago, but the chances are he may be best remembered for the delivery he bowled at 3.30pm yesterday at Old Trafford.

It may not have been one of his finest — a leg-stump half-volley that Lancashire's captain, Mike Watkinson, flicked for four — but that did not matter. Floodlit cricket and, perhaps more important, split-innings cricket in England was under way.

For those who spend the winters either travelling with the Barmy Army or who have satellite sport on tap, the novelty value of night cricket may have waned — abroad everyone seems to play under lights now — but it is new for everybody else in England.

There have, of course, been previous attempts to stage floodlit matches in this country, but, with the exception of Surrey's washed out Axa Life League match at the Oval last month, not on a county ground with proper lighting. Yesterday's was not a competition match *per se*, but with £10,000 prize-money at stake, there was at least an element of bite.

Many feel that one-day cricket with its coloured clothes, music and drifting barbecue smoke needs lights for it really to come alive. It may not please the purists, but it is fun and, if the crowds who pitch up in Sydney, Durban and Delhi are anything to go by, it is profitable too. Yesterday's crowd, which started at around 3,000, certainly got into the spirit of the occasion. In between the bursts of rock 'n roll that greeted the batsmen and saluted the boundaries, there were the traditional strains of "Lanky, Lanky, Lanky" from the Sunday regulars.

The split-innings is an exciting concept, which may well come into international cricket, because it limits the disadvantage of batting second, for each side has 25 overs both in normal light and under floodlights. Lancashire, who opted to bat first, turned around with the narrowest of advantages. Both sides had scored 122, but Yorkshire had lost three wickets to the home side's two.

One innovation that may not last is the sight of the public announcer bounding out to interview each batsman as he trudges back to the pavilion. Watkinson, not renowned for his soft edge, was pretty blunt when asked if he had swung across the line of a straight ball from Craig White. "So you're a coach as well are you?" the Lancashire skipper replied sternly to raucous applause from the crowd.

Until the dinner break, the cricket was played in glorious sunshine, but then the lights began to warm up, admission prices were slashed and the crowd settled back for the second half.

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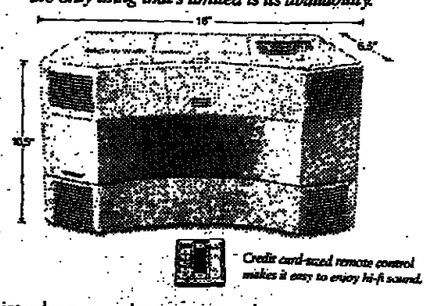

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